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TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

tions of scientific knowledge, let slip some inaccuracies concerning the evolution of the world and man! Astronomy, geology, biology, psychology, and ethnology are chiefly recent growths on the tree of human knowledge; but this does not imply that there was no knowledge worth while among the ancients, nor that it was impossible for God to move them (by what they unmistakably knew) to proclaim truths absolutely vital to the peoples of all times.

Nevertheless the candid student of the Bible, who is freed from the foolish and hurtful dogmas about the Book which are too often proclaimed by its friends to its own vast detriment and the spread of scornful unbelief, will find constant cause for astonishment as he reads its wondrous pages. Even upon the theory of divine inspiration there must be left large room for the erring human element, and upon any other theory the Bible sincerely read remains the glory of the ages.

The friends of the Bible are too fearful, too faithless. The Bible needs no stone wall or barbed-wire fence for its protection. Throw it freely, fearlessly out upon its own [illegible] can save it.

Let us read the Old Book and judge it by its own contents, aided by all the light that modern science is able to shed upon the profound questions with which it presumes so confidently to deal.

### The Beginning

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."—Gen. 1. 1.

"IN THE BEGINNING"—the mind of man reels back blinded by the stupendous, dazzling thought. No scientist has fathomed it. The Theistic philosopher stands before the adorable mystery with uncovered head. The materialist is still floundering in the same bottomless bog today that he was in ten thousand years ago, trying to find a reasonable theory of origins without Creative Power, Eternal Life and Infinite Wisdom. It can never be done. The brief, brilliant, startling, comprehensive, convincing statement of Genesis stands unshaken and unshakable forever—THE ESSENTIAL SCIENTIFIC BASE of all rational views of the universal Cosmos.

Prof. Ernest Untermann, than whom the materialistic Socialists in America have no greater scholar, while arguing ponderously to dispose of God, has to admit that "In the dim past where the world-process becomes [illegible] to human understanding, we see an infinite mass of [illegible]

Who Is God?
The Mind which build[illegible]
All life, from darkness [illegible]
The Mind in every [illegible]
In every man and [illegible]
Which chooses from [illegible]
The elements that [illegible]
And builds—as when [illegible]
Aright, its proper [illegible]

Who Is God?
He is the Law that [illegible]
And solar systems in [illegible]
The Law in microcosm [illegible]
Which holds the [illegible]
The Law of cause and [illegible]
In nature's realm and [illegible]
Which dark-robed [illegible]
The God of mercy [illegible]

Who Is God?
The Life in every [illegible]
In man and [illegible]
The Primal [illegible]
[illegible]

Who Is God?
He is the Love that [illegible]
To universal life [illegible]
The Love that [illegible]
And throws the [illegible]
He is the Love of [illegible]
And mother's fond [illegible]
The Love supplying [illegible]
When we, with Love [illegible]

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(Response [illegible]

Who Is God?
He is the [illegible]
To noble [illegible]
The [illegible]
With love's [illegible]
He is the [illegible]
Assuring [illegible]
The Father [illegible]
To heaven's [illegible]
The Judge [illegible]
Commune the [illegible]

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ginning and [illegible] outside of human [illegible] NESCIENT [illegible] evolution of [illegible] LOWS THE [illegible] Revolution, [illegible]

[illegible] and Oh how much for-

[illegible]—God

[illegible] materialists to escape dual-
[illegible] success. In trying to lose
[illegible] must admit its conscious-
[illegible] oversight, else there would
[illegible] or "preconceived aim,"
[illegible] ch as Comrade Untermann
[illegible] back to dualism—eternal
[illegible] matter, to which many The-

[illegible] e compelled to admit Intel-
[illegible] he Ultimate Cause, whether
[illegible] mality of matter or its tran-
[illegible] present drift of science
[illegible] ward real spiritual monism
[illegible] materialist monism; for
[illegible] the elusive atom, the "ultimate
[illegible] tangible substance, seems to dis-
[illegible] existence of such a thing and to pro-
[illegible] conclusion that there is no ultimate
[illegible] that the point where it was for-
[illegible] posed to be is really a "center of
[illegible] of motion," a spiritual energy
[illegible] material and untangible as compared
[illegible] scientifically known as matter.
[illegible] materialistic scientists, as Spencer
[illegible] the same ultimate, unfathom-
[illegible] that the religionists do—they
[illegible] face to face with Omnipotent
[illegible] Infinite Wisdom as "The First
[illegible]," call it what they will.
[illegible] of the universe, its forces, its
[illegible] its meaning, and its destiny
[illegible] inexplicable without God.
[illegible] question of the origin of God
[illegible] difficulty to Theism which does
[illegible] any other possible theory; but
[illegible] (if you please) of conscious
[illegible] Power at the beginning (with
[illegible] materialists must start) saves mil-
[illegible] as evolution pro-
[illegible] wholly reasonable. The recog-
[illegible] the base of things affords the
[illegible] of otherwise inexplicable mys-
[illegible] throughout eternity.

**[illegible] VERSE IS INCARNATE**

[illegible] e self-styled "materialist monist"
[illegible] admits; yea, he declares it.

**[illegible] Three Infinites**

**[illegible] INFINITES** recognized
[illegible] te space, infinite duration, and
[illegible] with Intelligence and Power.
[illegible] m the very nature of the case
[illegible] —"there is nothing beyond."
[illegible] self-evidently endless, eternal.
[illegible] John Wesley, graphically, "is a
[illegible] ternity broken off at each end."
[illegible] a limited, measured portion of
[illegible] ity. From any event whose
[illegible] can conceive of calculating,
[illegible] he tick of a clock or the birth,
[illegible] th of a universe, is but a pulse-
[illegible]. Eternity stretches its awe-
[illegible] ing silence around it on every
[illegible] before and after it eternally.
[illegible] r yet more marvelous to our
[illegible] ches around us through space
[illegible] beyond the billions of bil-
[illegible] plored by the telescope, and
[illegible] ward through time and eter-
[illegible] mystery of Being. Form,
[illegible] life, growth, intelligence,
[illegible] joy—the universe flashes
[illegible] on its way like a giant
[illegible] the wedding feast. And
[illegible] theist or a Materialist, he
[illegible] ence of infinite Being.
[illegible] under the starry dome
[illegible] able longing for
[illegible]

[illegible] we grasp the presence of the Infinite Being in Nature, as a day-old baby senses its mother in the dark.

The fact of the Infinite Being no man can dispute, whether he call himself an agnostic, an atheist or a Theist. The CHARACTER of that Being is the only question for discussion.

The materialist conceives of universal Being in terms of matter primarily, while admitting the mental and spiritual elements as eternal attributes of matter; the Theist conceives of universal Being in terms of Intelligent, Almighty Spirit, and regards material things merely as the manifestation of the Spirit's power, wisdom and goodness.

The mystery of His Being is unfathomable, His Intelligence and Power are infinite, His Glory is eternally ineffable. Before Him the unlettered peasant, the most learned scientist, and the highest archangel of the skies must bow with equal humility and inexpressible awe. The growth of knowledge among finite beings but measures their increasing wonder, love and praise of **"HIM WHO INHABITS ETERNITY"** and "upholds all things" by His wisdom and power.

**My Idea of God**

My idea of God is expressed in terms of Infinite Consciousness, Infinite Love and Infinite Power.

When I say that I am conscious of myself and aware of this room and of you people, I mean that I hold in my consciousness this room and its general contents. Well, the infinite Being, because of his infinity, finds it easy to hold in increasing consciousness every world, every atom, every force and every law of the universe. The difference in extent between my limited consciousness and this unlimited consciousness is the simple difference between the finite and the infinite. God knows all things and all people. What is to us vast, or minute, or numberless, is to Him but as the child's primer to the Doctor of Laws. He easily knows all things and every body, THEREFORE HE KNOWS ME. I may be but a microscopic microbe on a grain of dust whirling through the windy streets of Chicago on a world which revolves at the rate of a thousand miles an hour and travels in its orbit with the speed of 18 miles per second, which is 500 times faster than any automobile, express train or flying machine ever went, in a solar system that wheels with even many times greater velocity around some central sun in a stellar system that rivals the speed of light on the spirals of a still greater circuit—yet Infinite Consciousness never for an instant forgets me. I exist in the knowledge and remembrance of God. "In Him we all live and move and have our being."

This universal being is also Infinite Love. Love is the spirit of self-revelation, of reproduction, of creative impulse. And because of this creative, reproductive impulse the stellar systems were born and life and love and joy and hope were nestled in millions of worlds throughout limitless space and endless duration. And this Infinite Love knows all worlds and all beings, great and small, and wants to do the best that infinite wisdom and love can do. He knows me and loves even me and wants to do for me all the good that infinite wisdom and love can do.

And this universal being is infinite Power. All scientists admit that. The one thing that they recognize most clearly of all and never dispute about, whether they be Theists or atheists, is that the universe manifests boundless power. [illegible]

[illegible]

of the real God [illegible]
comfort of [illegible]

[illegible]

Faith in God [illegible]
is but another [illegible]
boundless hope [illegible]
is essential to [illegible]
Socialist doctrine [illegible]
is but a recog[illegible]
God "[illegible]
"toward a process [illegible]
Commonwealth.

The atheist might [illegible]
brutal principles [illegible]
"life" on the ground [illegible]
of Justice and Love [illegible]
tic purpose in the [illegible]
things, and no [illegible]
demption. "Let us [illegible]
morrow we die [illegible]

But the genuine [illegible]
an attitude toward [illegible]

No one can [illegible]
while without [illegible]
of human society [illegible]
human. He who [illegible]
pray "Thy Kingdom [illegible]
a general social [illegible]
can actually [illegible]
a fair understanding [illegible]
all honest believers [illegible]

Therefore the [illegible]
justly taunt with [illegible]
norance or rank hypocrisy [illegible]
fesses to believe in God [illegible]
his God in the eyes of [illegible]
by defending a [illegible]
tem of slavery, [illegible]
methods of [illegible]
spiritual minded [illegible]
ent evil world" [illegible]
utter imbecility. [illegible]
by the robber [illegible]
who lead and control [illegible]
the greatest [illegible]
and common sense [illegible]
doms of this world [illegible]
of the Lord and of His [illegible]
real believer in God [illegible]
happy unless he is [illegible]
wrong and establish [illegible]
ilege and duty of every [illegible]
believer see that he [illegible]
italism or reject God. [illegible]

(The next paper [illegible]
Geology.")

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"The Christian Socialist is [illegible]
The Hill number is a [illegible]
Thos. J. Thompson, [illegible]

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THIS IS THE [illegible]
RELIGIOUS [illegible]
Catholic. Every [illegible]

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**VERY [illegible]**

Did you [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] class and the working class [illegible] equally social and political [illegible] shareholders of a common [illegible] who should as far as is human [illegible] join together in common political effort for the common good and the advancement of civilization.

### The European State

The European view of the class struggle naturally grows out of the European idea of the State; which, as I have already intimated is forced upon the consciousness of European Socialists by the actual relation of the working class of Europe to the State. In the mind of the European laborer the State is an independent instrument of oppression; a means for the protection of one class and the repression of another. It is with this idea of the State in mind that Engels in "Socialism Utopian and Scientific" predicts that the working class will seize upon political power and through the State make the means of production and distribution public property. But in so doing they abolish the State as State and themselves as proletariat. (This does not mean that society will become disorganized or that the working class will commit suicide.) The State is not abolished forthwith, however, but the act by which it makes the property of capitalists public property is its last independent act as State. Its police powers become superfluous in one department after another because there is no longer a class to be kept in subjection; and from not having any function to perform the State dies out.

It is plain that Engels here entertains the individualistic idea of the State, by which the prime function of the State is the protection of private property, and by which protection [illegible] all private property has become the private property of the capitalist class. This is the capitalist idea of the State and is largely entertained by Socialists for reasons already set forth. It was once very fittingly dubbed by Lasalle "The night-watchman idea of the State." An idea more congenial to the American mind is that expressed by August Boeckh: "We must widen our notion of the State so as to believe the State is the institution in which the whole virtue of humanity should be realized." How shall we do this? Manifestly the way to so widen our notion of the State is to MAKE the State the institution in which the whole virtue of humanity IS realized. This is true patriotism.

### A Democratic State

To the American mind organized society is the State, whatever form or purpose that organization may take. To the American, educated in our public schools, trained in the traditions of the Republic, and imbued with the theories of the Declaration of Independence, the nation is a social compact of free citizens. He may never have heard of Rousseau and his theory of the social compact, and, hence, may not be able to express his thought; nevertheless, he has imbibed the idea and it has become a part of his life. As expressed by Hon. John D. Works, of California, "The Republic is a great co-partnership in which every citizen is an equal shareholder." Of course, we know that a true social compact has never yet existed; it is a political ideal which is still to be wrought out in practice; but for a Socialist to speak or write to an American audience and tell them that the State will die out is to tell them that Socialism will disorganize society and [illegible] which, of course, [illegible]

… Republic the United … State; it is a cross between … democracy. The … do not stand in the … State as the working class … ropean powers, but are … along with the capitalists …

We need to make … cal institutions as will … fect democracy and … machine. This must be … ment; but we have the … do it, whenever we are … Republic will then be … ment in the hands of the … VAST MAJORITY OF …

In a certain sense there … as a "class struggle" … America. That is, the … "seize upon political … ALREADY HAVE IT … nation are determined by … In the mass we get what … get it every time we want … viduals. I don't get what … vote the Socialist ticket … get what we vote for … what we get, but that is … get what we want … MASS OF US VOTE … DID NOT WANT … equal suffrage the … have the whole power … hands; what is needed … use of that power.

The Class …

The class struggle … gle becomes … employes on one side and … other, even the … manity will no longer … the exploitation will … will it be any more … days of chattel slavery … working class never made … slaves; they never made a … serfs; they never made a … the early days of capitalism … reduced to the level of the … long the increasing … dustry promises to be … fortable living for the whole … still leave a bountiful … to squander, not … generally conceded … class will not rebel … would seem, then, that … not a sufficient … of a Socialist … of course, it is … educated working class … a class of idlers.

Socialism is not a dead … up, labeled, and … another. …

[illegible] all undeveloped coun[illegible] that expansion is necessary [illegible] when every nation has become an [illegible] nation, the necessity of a new ad[illegible] of our social system will be forced [illegible] attention of people of all classes; al[illegible], of course, the poorer part of the work[illegible], the true proletariat, will feel the pres[illegible] worse than others. The rapidity with [illegible] capitalism is expanding in such coun[illegible] as China, India and Mexico indicates that [illegible] may be confronted with this situation long [illegible] a complete, efficient and intelligent So[illegible] organization of the working class will [illegible]ossible. The class struggle, then, may [illegible] be fought to a finish in America.

**Working Class Propaganda**

[illegible] view of the foregoing, is a class propa[illegible] a wise method of advancing the cause of [illegible]? It keeps Socialists busy explaining [illegible] do not try to set class against class; [illegible] are not trying to stir up class hatred; [illegible] the classes are already arrayed against [illegible]; that we are not responsible for the [illegible] struggle, that we only explain its signifi[illegible]. But let us be honest. As a matter of [illegible] class propaganda does have the effect, [illegible] extent at least, of setting class against [illegible] inflaming class hatred; especially [illegible] the more ignorant. Much as we may [illegible] deplore it such is bound to be the [illegible] upon untutored minds until they acquire [illegible] understanding of Socialist eco[illegible]. Let us learn a lesson from the war of [illegible] and its aftermath of sectional hatred, [illegible] not even yet entirely died out. All [illegible] hatred generated in the class struggle [illegible] must remain as a heritage of bitter[illegible] the Co-operative Commonwealth of to[illegible]. We must insist in our propaganda [illegible] scientific and judicial attitude of [illegible] upon scientific explanation of hu[illegible] in order to allay as much as pos[illegible] passions which at present are un[illegible]. There is no nobler work than to [illegible] understand the poor, and the [illegible] understand the rich, and all classes to [illegible] each other; for out of a common [illegible]standing must come a common solution [illegible] problem.

**All Bigotry Injurious**

[illegible] becoming more and more convinced [illegible] tumult of feeling, a storm of passion and [illegible] is not a proper preparation for a [illegible] in our social system. Passion has noth[illegible] offer for the solution of our problems; [illegible] very little, if any; while prejudice is [illegible] to intelligent action that we must get [illegible] insisting at all times upon ascertain[illegible] exact truth. The bigotry and fanatic[illegible] Socialist are just as abominable as the [illegible] fanaticism of a Jesuit. If we have [illegible] fire-eaters of the Wendel Phillips [illegible] Brown stripe in the Socialist Party [illegible] kindly, but firmly, invite them to go [illegible] sit down and shut up. Such men [illegible] in any movement to which they [illegible]elves. It is the violent mouthings [illegible] fanatics in every conflict of [illegible] make a peaceful solution of the [illegible] difficult and sometimes im[illegible] out in anywise excusing or con[illegible] brutality, I half suspect that [illegible] trouble and persecution from [illegible] have suffered in various places [illegible] has been brought upon the [illegible] unreasonable and violent ut[illegible]. In too many cases the [illegible]tyr" is a fool's cap.

[illegible] be considered an alarmist, [illegible] unreasonable impatience [illegible] willingness to consider any [illegible] their own on the part of [illegible] augurs ill for the future. [illegible] glorying in the class [illegible] militarism which they so [illegible] though they are uncon[illegible] of that very [illegible] spirit of bitter par[illegible] the Socialist [illegible] by [illegible]

[illegible] toward his brother work[illegible] the same step. It would be well for the American Socialist to emulate the dispassion[illegible]ate poise of mind of Karl Marx in this respect.

**Can Not Ignore the Class Struggle**

To ignore the class struggle in our propaganda, or to deliberately minimize its importance would be hypocritical, if not suicidal. Let us never cease to warn the wealthy class of the inevitable outcome if the class war is fought out; let us insist upon its social and economic significance; but while doing so can we not make the Socialist propaganda a message of peace and fraternity to people of all parties and classes? Can we not inject into the inevitable controversies of this age a little of that spirit of "charity for all, with malice toward none" which is the very essence of Christianity? Can we not, by kindly and reasonable appeal, unite rich and poor upon the basis of our common citizenship and common humanity to end the class struggle forthwith, by taking the initial steps in the inauguration of the Socialist Commonwealth? Is not the spirit of the Christ in our much-depreciated human nature strong enough to surmount the barriers of conflicting interests and unite all our people for the common good? Such a happy consummation would be worthy of another visit from that Angel choir that is said to have sung above the hills of Bethlehem:

> "Glory to God in the Highest,
> Peace in the Earth,
> Goodwill among men."

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## The New York Messenger Boys' Strike

*A Special Investigation and Report, By Rev. Eliot White*

The strike of November, 1910, among the messenger boys of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies in New York City, was by no means the first manifestation of discontent with hours of labor and wages among these young employes of the great telegraph monopoly. Several years ago in response to a threatened "walk out" of these lads who have to run out in all weathers and at all hours, the companies increased the pay for a message from one-and-a-half to two cents. At other times also there have been flare-ups of the smoldering indignation against the veritably slavish conditions to which the boys must submit if they wish to enter and remain in the messenger service.

But no protest equalled in numbers and enthusiasm this latest uprising. It was claimed by the organizers that half of the 5,000 boys in Manhattan and Bronx Boroughs of Greater New York were at one time "out." The demands were chiefly: week workers to receive $1 a day, instead of as in the case of the younger boys about $3.60 net for 6 days of sometimes 15 hours each, with frequent Sunday work (unpaid), besides; an increase of half a cent for a call or delivery; 15 cents supper money for work after 8 p. m.; the fining system to be abolished, and 25 cents a week instead of the present 50, for the uniform.

**A Second Hand Clothes Graft**

The last item, of payment on uniform, has caused perhaps more "soreness" than anything else. The statement is well vouched for that a boy must surrender for this, 50 cents from his weekly wage, but that although the uniform may be an old one when he receives it, having been worn by perhaps several other boys, he may have to pay its value over and over, and yet in the end it still remains the "property of the company." One boy was instanced as paying an aggregate of $30 for a uniform costing originally $10, without becoming any more its owner than when he began! To any but those who are awake to the lengths to which the niggardliness of modern profit-seeking may be carried, such exploitation [illegible] almost incredible, by [illegible]

[illegible] boys [illegible] with [illegible] catching [illegible] against social [illegible] modern industr[illegible] well, declared [illegible] three days for [illegible] eon in a day of running with [illegible] hours.

**Boys Work [illegible]**

A number of [illegible] ing from 20 to 35 [illegible] testimony I personally [illegible] the strikers was [illegible] the hardships and virtual [illegible] able for the present [illegible] means the grievances of a few [illegible] the common lot of a great body of [illegible] young toilers and future [illegible] cent bill passed by the New York [illegible] in response to public indignation [illegible] smallest messengers to do what [illegible] ones still may—carry messages [illegible] night to and from haunts of vice [illegible] derloin" and similar districts, and [illegible] guides to young scions of [illegible] "seeing the sights." Nearly all [illegible] sarily become precociously "wise" [illegible] seamy side of metropolitan life.

What a gathering was the [illegible] meeting" I attended in an "East [illegible]

**The Boys' Mass Meeting**

hundreds of little fellows, [illegible] ought to have been still enrolled [illegible] children, instead of being [illegible] fearfully one-sided struggle against [illegible] corporations for decent conditions [illegible] labor! But indeed this was a school [illegible] sober earnest. The throng of [illegible] ill-fed and often haggard boys were [illegible]ly hard at work here at the [illegible] learning at first hand what [illegible] cruelties must fall to the lot of [illegible] young or old, so long as a [illegible] seeking system of industry is [illegible] informed, heedless, or culpably [illegible]ers to retain its hold on our [illegible] masses of its people.

On long benches without [illegible] tables along the walls, were packed [illegible]ars in this amazing class-room, [illegible] the older speakers and organizers [illegible] dressed them, and at the close of [illegible] dress breaking forth into wild [illegible] throwing of hats into the air, and a [illegible]ly shrill chorus of whistling [illegible] cramming fingers held flat like a [illegible] into mouths. There was no lack of [illegible] thusiasm and courage here, [illegible] And yet some of the weary little [illegible] often roll to one side or sink [illegible] ward with sleep, and an older boy [illegible] gently propping them up again.

**A Baby Orator**

The most vociferous demonstration [illegible] meeting was aroused by the putting [illegible] of one of the boy speakers who was [illegible] to be seen from the floor. As he [illegible] grievances of his audience, in [illegible] tences full of typical street [illegible] ing often to real eloquence in his [illegible] strained to the verge of hoarseness, [illegible] as though the other boys would tear [illegible] Western Union uniform, with its [illegible] and scrolls of red braid, from his body [illegible] frantic delight with their valiant [illegible] spokesman.

**The Clergyman Takes Part**

I esteemed it a privilege to be asked [illegible] dress this meeting, and told the boys [illegible] have since had reason to believe all the [illegible] decidedly, that every other clergyman [illegible] city ought to be supporting them [illegible] better their conditions, and that I [illegible] isters would be impelled to if they [illegible] the plain unexaggerated facts [illegible] urged them to stand as closely [illegible] shoulder in their struggle [illegible] were crowded [illegible] tables, and in closing [illegible] "God bless you!" [illegible]

[illegible] and who will dare say [illegible] when in solemn [illegible] of God by the Prophet [illegible] are still tragically [illegible] like the voice of a trumpet, [illegible] of our child-labor, [illegible] and white slavery in its [illegible] "What mean ye that ye beat [illegible] to pieces, and grind the faces of [illegible] saith the Lord God of hosts;" [illegible] the workers of iniquity no knowledge [illegible] eat up my people as they eat [illegible]

**A Lad Beaten by Police**

[illegible] a different light falls on the vast [illegible] for ultimate justice, freedom [illegible] a gripping hold on the whole [illegible] a former languid interest in [illegible] issues, when one begins to [illegible] bodily eyes, hear with his ears, [illegible] with his hands the bruised and [illegible] who bear the brunt of this warfare [illegible] would be frankly acknowledged by [illegible] could have called with me on a [illegible] Union boy, Samuel Gottlieb, 16 [illegible] Beth Israel Hospital, who was [illegible] by strike-breakers. "Severe in- [illegible] on his hospital card. I [illegible] pale and unrobust lad bent over in a [illegible] his bed, with a long scalp-wound [illegible] after a week still badly [illegible] blows from a stick delt him for [illegible] his legal privilege of picket- [illegible] of such a wounded young [illegible] that Eugene Wood's saying [illegible] Sherman de- [illegible] is hell," there is nothing bad [illegible] which to compare the industrial [illegible] the maxim has been adopted, [illegible] is—business." Poor Gottlieb—his [illegible] "Love of God;" I wondered how [illegible] he found, either as worker or [illegible]

**Rev. Dr. Grant Helps**

[illegible] pleasure to report that as soon as I [illegible] to Rev. Percy Grant, rector of the [illegible] Church of the Ascension on Fifth [illegible] that an after-meeting at which the [illegible] might speak would be both [illegible] interesting and helpful in creating [illegible] public opinion, he at once cordially [illegible]. It will be remembered that Alex- [illegible], the Socialist preacher, occupied [illegible] conducted the after-meetings on [illegible] from 1907-10. Henry Katz, the [illegible] Western Union boy who ad- [illegible] the mass meeting already mentioned, [illegible] Youngwick of the same age, from [illegible] Telegraph Co., as the speakers at [illegible] aroused the indignation and sym- [illegible] their hearers, who gladly contributed [illegible] collection.

**[illegible] Pathetic Plea**

[illegible] never expect to forget the [illegible] Youngwick, with his pretty Jew- [illegible] dark, glowing eyes, as he stood [illegible] uniform appealing with out- [illegible] and in his gentle child's voice; [illegible] explained, "They call the [illegible] boys 'little mutts'; do you know [illegible] I'll tell you; be- [illegible] is a poor little dog who never [illegible] and has to be out in the [illegible] everybody kicks him about [illegible]

[illegible] and especially the power of [illegible] wealth to mold public opinion against them and strangle sympathy for their cause, through the press, have combined to defeat temporarily at least the brave uprising of the lads so necessary to the conduct of the modern city, yet so little esteemed and left so cruelly unguarded in their growing years. Every right-minded citizen may well cherish the hope that the time will soon arrive for a more successful and if possible a peaceful effort for tolerable conditions; or better still for that splendid victory of an aroused, self-controlled and intelligent people acting through a united Socialist organization, over all opposition of greed, privilege and confiscation, whereby they will enter into full and collective ownership and control of all the social means of production and distribution.

For then the welfare of each will be the concern of all, and a burden of toil which a strong man should scarcely be required to bear will never again be laid on the shoulders of any little boy.

# Strikers Refuse Terms

**Public Gatherings of Striking Garment Workers at Chicago Refuse to Vote on the Unfavorable Terms of Settlement Proposed.**

The terms of settlement offered by Hart- Schaffner & Marx, which agreed to very small concessions to the workers, and which was consented to and recommended to the striking garment workers by the union officials because of the difficulty of maintaining the strike, were refused point blank by the strikers at their hall meetings. They even declined indignantly to vote at all upon the proposals.

Although their case is desperate, we can but admire their courage and sense. Unless they can obtain the recognition of the union and the right of collective bargaining for wages and conditions of labor, the strike is a failure anyway, for minor concessions will do no permanent good. The individual girl or man can not protect his interests against the greedy and tyrannical firms who hide their cruelty behind foremen who are bribed by commissions to cheat and crowd their subordinates to the lowest pay and highest speed.

We devoutly hope the strikers may win what they ask. The workers must be thoroughly organised. Even then they can but poorly protect themselves. Without organization they are utterly helpless.

# Two More Strikers Shot

**Chicago Police Are Used to Protect Capitalists' Interests in the Strike and to Kill the Strikers.**

The reason why working people should vote the Socialist ticket was once more made clear by the flash of policemen's pistols which sent death to one striker instantly and mortally wounded another.

One side declares the policemen fired in self-defense, the other side claims that the shooting was needless. We can not tell.

After a struggle of many weeks with greedy, arbitrary employers, with hunger, with a brutal, bullying police force that always arrays itself on the side of the capitalists against the workers, it is not strange if the strikers become desperate and lose patience. In such cases, of course, they always get the worst of it.

The only way that the workers can rightly "take the law into their own hands" is to elect a working class government, as they did in Milwaukee. The Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, backed by a Socialist city government, refused to allow the police to club or shoot or arrest the strikers when they were "not violating the law."

That made all the difference in the world. The capitalists grow rich violating the law and causing the city government to do so, and when the law is fairly administered the workers win in short order, as they did in the Milwaukee garment workers' strike.

When the workers consent to be governed by capitalist politicians, they agree in advance to be clubbed and shot if they go on a strike. They thus place all the weapons of power in the hands of their exploiters.

But our government rightfully belongs to the people, of whom the workers compose the vast majority; therefore their votes decide in advance on which side of all coming strikes their government will be. [illegible]

[illegible] to commit such [illegible] suspicious circumstances [illegible] the murder was deliberately [illegible] breakers with the connivance [illegible] der to destroy the growing [illegible] able to the strikers. We [illegible] a common weapon of [illegible] And even if the strikers [illegible] clubbed and cursed and [illegible] raged since the beginning [illegible] three of their own men [illegible] and there is a limit to human [illegible]

Our souls are sick of [illegible] murder. If the world [illegible] want and slavery and robbery [illegible] gigantic "infernal machine" [illegible] atoms and end the horror.

**METHODIST PAPER [illegible]**

The Northwestern Christian [illegible] cial organ of the Methodist [illegible] for this region, in its Dec. 7 [illegible] comprehensive and very fair [illegible] Chicago Garment Workers' [illegible] causes, which fills nearly three [illegible] certain to make public sentiment [illegible] able toward the strikers.

An editorial on "The Ethics of [illegible] in the same paper takes high [illegible] tice toward the strikers. It says:

"In the last analysis the [illegible] as usual, into a case of [illegible] that the public may have cheap [illegible] as large a return as possible [illegible] ately articulated as all large [illegible] worker deals immediately with the [illegible] paid a bonus for getting the [illegible] the greatest saving of expense [illegible] sake of his position and of his [illegible] almost irresistible temptation to [illegible] of strength and to keep [illegible] If complaint is made to the [illegible] he is only acting under orders [illegible] carried to the real heads of the [illegible] is that all such matters are in the [illegible] foreman.

"What then remains to be done? [illegible] recourse is an appeal to the public [illegible] strike. To those who have been [illegible] the laissez faire and individualistic [illegible] stinct is to say that people [illegible] affairs in their own [illegible] ness when the employer [illegible] the men in his employ [illegible] be done. But in our day of [illegible] of great industrial organizations [illegible] ment has become necessary.

"As to the right of 'collective' [illegible] of having a recognized scale of [illegible] of work done instead of a [illegible] man and the individual worker [illegible] ment of fairness and justice [illegible] that, together with the merits of the [illegible] as against the 'closed' or the 'open' [illegible] 'shop committee' for the [illegible] could be a matter of mutual [illegible] ment. Society owes it to itself to [illegible] way of settling a dispute between [illegible] employes other than the way now [illegible] ruining an industry or of starving the [illegible] society leaves capital free to do [illegible] relation to the conditions that shall [illegible] dependent employes, then, so far as [illegible] employes must do as they may when [illegible] tions become intolerable. And [illegible] neither intelligent nor Christian which [illegible] laborer no remedy but violence when [illegible] his endurance has been reached."

**GARMENT WORKERS [illegible]**

**Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee [illegible] Clubbing [illegible]**

Again the working people have had [illegible] son of the tremendous advantage of [illegible] ministration. The garment workers [illegible] threatened to result disastrously [illegible] been successfully settled by the [illegible] Mayor Seidel.

The garment workers were [illegible] their demands—fifty-four hours [illegible] double pay for overtime, and the [illegible] grievances. They only [illegible] for arbitration—and this [illegible] in name, since they [illegible] tration of the mayor.

Considering the fact [illegible] workers are very [illegible] somewhat of a surprise [illegible] [illegible]

… wages, but in all its … conditions, is the general …

… the capitalist papers keep up their … They cannot forgive him … from the public … They are terribly afraid that it will … to have it go … workingman cannot be beaten … "is not violating the law," … all that was demanded in Mayor … to the Milwaukee chief of police. … Kansas City Journal even asserts that … would invest a dollar in "Milwaukee" … circumstances." This looks like an … that wage-slaves are to be kept in order … of blows—as in the days of negro …

## QUESTIONS

… the interesting features of the Weekly … Question Box. If you have any … about Socialism that troubles you, … you think may be hindering others, … it to our Question Department. … send more than three questions at … good question at a time is best.

… difference between a Christian Socialist and … ordinary kind?—*A Reader.*

… Socialist is the same as the ordinary … They agree exactly as to … for the main economic … and the political program of … but the Christian Socialist … and political reasons for … that the materialist Socialist … reasons of Christian ethics … The Christian Socialist … the real Bible religion … and the Brotherhood of … Socialism will "prepare … the real Kingdom … universal freedom, peace, … Christian homes, and … all superstitions … good.

## … of the Times

### … Editorial Comment

… was elected a member of the …, Miss., defeating a well known … Comrade Rose and all … over this inspiring proof of the … Socialism in the South.

… Weekly gives an enthusiastic … the now famous Milwaukee Municipal … once a week, over four thousand people … in the big auditorium under supervision … the city authorities and have a social time. … by the Socialists to keep the low … halls from defiling the young people.

… fire at the Chicago Stockyards … the fire-fighting forces of the South Side … and killed more than a score of firemen, … the chief and other officers.

… of the disaster was caused by poor … and by insufficient water pressure, against … which the owners, Nelson, Morris & Co., … warned by the fire department.

… arraignment of the greed of the … Rev. R. Keen Ryan stated that the packers … so heartless that they would not even … to the fund being raised for the widows … of the dead firemen, as he had not … their names among the list of contributors … brought out the statement of Edward … he had already given $25,000.

… Dr. Ryan was mistaken. The rich … to "charity," especially after a disaster … plant; for charity is much cheaper … would have cost a great deal of … and keep the packing plant running … and "business is business," you must …

## NOTICE

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## "THOUGH HE SLAY ME"

By M. H. Spiers

Time—June 15th, 1910.

The room was very still. Not entirely so, for an occasional heavy sigh came from the huddled figure upon the floor near the closet door, by the scattered pieces of a broken chair.

Such a little thing to cause a broken leg! But old bones are brittle, and David Grant was old. Old, and to all appearance the plaything of an unkind fate, even from his boyhood. Far past the Osler age limit, and now such claims to further sufferance as he had possessed, were gone. And Ruth! What would become of her? The orphan grandchild, darling of his old age, for whose sake he had borne with such courage as was in him the burdens of life since Agnes, his wife, had left this world, six years ago. This thought was filling his mind with anguish, harder to bear than the physical pain which the broken leg, bent painfully under him, was giving him. His lumbago, worse than common of late, prevented his changing the attitude in which he had fallen. So he lay there, battling with his life-long spiritual foe—the temptation to commit suicide.

He was a doctor's son, and old Dr. Grant's harsh temper in his own family had often driven his only child to contemplate the taking of his own life as the easiest way to escape from the severity which made his existence miserable. Always timid, sensitive, easily discouraged, a dreamer of dreams, subject to black and deadly depression in the face of unkindness, he had possessed himself of the means of self-destruction when a mere lad, as access to his father's study made easy. And always, even in happier times, had he kept it by him. It was, indeed, the cause of his accident, for he had hidden it in a hole in the plastering over the closet door, and being under the sway of his old enemy, Giant Despair, he had thought to take it out and keep it with him. As he grasped it, the chair had broken and he had come heavily and awkwardly to the floor, with a broken leg. The punishment fitted the crime, as with a humorous twist to his lip, he acknowledged to himself. He had always thought of it as a crime—inexcusable, cowardly.

Some Christian people would have seen in his plight the direct vengeance of an outraged God. But that view of the case troubled him not at all, for David's Creator, despite his long life of hardships—yes! despite the evidence of faltering trust borne by the bottle in his hand—was a God of Love. "Who knoweth our frame, and remembereth that we are dust," he was murmuring to himself now as he lay, the real spiritual nature of the man rising to take command, as it had in every crisis of his life.

His mind harked to the day when he had first held that bottle in his hand, in a mood almost as dark as his present one, though then it had been caused only by his father's unreasonable anger at a small offence. The griefs of the young—how hopeless they seem!

He had been in his own room at home, and before him lay his mother's Bible, given him by that mother's dying hand, with a yearning kiss, and a look that would have told him, could he have read it, how well she knew the need he would have of its help. His eye had fallen on the open page, catching the words—"A Psalm of David," and then—"why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise Him." The cloud had seemed miraculously lifted from his heart as he read, and as he raised his eyes to the blue vault that arched above the green landscape outside his window, he …

… his boy … of our Heavenly … the breath of … of God. Ever … call up all the … trust, of the …

And yet— … bottle, or … nor, in all the … forever behind … or the thought … he might do so! … human heart! … we have!

Oh, but the … lower self … endeavoring to … doubts. "Surely," … ance, the moment for … been kept, is here. … money, and the dues on … next month, and … for Ruth."

He felt in his … policy, the dues on … and then for Ruth, he had … paid, by what miracle of … fice for the past twenty … knew.

Little, lame Ruth! … Steamer Slocum … neighbor had taken her … God for the breath of … pleasure for his … would have, to … Drops stood on his … and he groaned aloud.

Ever since that day … David of the Scriptures … himself, with good and … gled, now one and now … triumphant. … deepest spiritual … utterances given … of dependence on … the experience of … threatening those … a brooding rage of … drove far away the … alone brings inner peace … no "Job," he was … though often envious of … Job's "though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him."

He was thinking of this … again, and began … "You were always a … though you hate … sin! And haven't … put their trust in … not in the Lord? … from such an … that! But it's folly, … It's just that … world into the grip of … blame for all this," … bare room, and … own economic condition … like himself.

David Grant was a … co-operative common… figured the Christian … be here now," he … Christians would … words about its … and Mammon. … see, that that's true … it'll come. And … program which … being able to … nationally as well … workmen for the … being largely … in anything or …

[illegible] Englewood [illegible] write on one side of the paper only [illegible] plainly [illegible] space between the lines.

4. The novelty and striking nature of the plot, [illegible] grammatical and rhetorical perfection of the language, the [illegible], and the dramatic skill with which the story is set forth will be the four main points upon which the judgment will be rendered.

5. All manuscripts for this contest must be at the Christian Socialist office not later than Feb. 15. The sooner the better after you have worked your story over the best you can. Work it over and over and rewrite it several times before you call it "done," if you are an amateur writer.

6. The Chicago members of the Board of Directors of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST, who constitute the regular Editorial Committee, will be the judges of these stories. And their labor of reading and discussing these manuscripts will be sufficient to entitle them to claim for use in the paper, also any story which may not be deemed one of the three very best, but which is worthy of publication. The manuscripts not considered suitable for publication in our paper will be returned to their owners.

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## Sunday School Brigade

### The First Volunteer

The honor of being the first volunteer as a member of the Christian Socialist Sunday School Brigade belongs to Comrade A. F. Green, M. D., of Cleveland, O., who writes as follows:

Dear Comrade:

The Christian Socialist issue of December 15, 1908, is a special delight to me, in that it has the [illegible] of the International Sunday School lessons. This is a splendid feature. It will enable many Christian workers to teach economic truth to better advantage within church walls. As I am a Sunday School teacher, I speak from experience in this matter.

Fraternally,

A. F. Green.

The following have promised to join the Sunday School Bundle Brigade and carry the Socialist Gospel to the church S. Schools:

J. P. Marchant, Phenix Girard, Ala.

Howard H. Rickenbach, Bernharts, Pa.

W. B. Bain, Cumberland, Okla.

Who else wants to be enrolled? We want the names of all who will attend S. S. and help make things interesting either as teacher or pupil.

### A Branch Begins Study

"Since the election the Comrades are feeling so good and so encouraged that the local has decided to take up the study of the Sunday School lessons that appear in the Christian Socialist the coming year and if I have my way about it your subscriptions will increase in this locality. They are to meet in my office Sunday afternoons; everybody invited."—J. H. Lee, Garden City, Kans.

"One feature of the C. S.—the Sunday School Lessons will be worth many times the subscription price of the paper to me."—Rev. D. B. Rollin, Paw Paw, Mich.

### A Whole Class Supplied

"Comrade H. E. Metzger orders 10 copies per issue beginning with Dec. 15 and says we are going to use these in the Sunday School in the Evangelical Church of Alma, Neb."

A Comrade in the east has the permission of his pastor to teach Comrade Prosser's course of Sunday School lessons to his class of boys.

Comrade Higginbottom of Crookesboro, Ky., writes us another of his cheering letters. We have had many of these things from the beginning of the Christian Socialist. He says: "The C. S. is better all the time. The Weekly is going to be a corker. The Sunday School lesson is grand [illegible] Our Local [illegible]

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What [illegible]

"I like the great [illegible] It seems like the [illegible] people. 'Repent for the Kingdom [illegible] hand.' May God bless your [illegible] Kansas.

"Such an invincible advocate [illegible] must not lack support. I will [illegible] my power to get the [illegible]"—J. C. Lush, Pennsylvania.

"I am paying for and [illegible] magazines, yet I would do without [illegible] I would do without the Christian Socialist."—[illegible] Ellis, Missouri.

"It is getting better all the time [illegible] Prosser is great."—Francis [illegible]

"You are doing a grand work and [illegible] expended in the cause which you advocate [illegible] are laid up where moth and rust do not [illegible] and (capitalistic) thieves do not break [illegible] steal."—Rev. John Morris [illegible], Prineville, Ore.

Secretary of the Local, J. E. [illegible] Robles, Calif., with his order for [illegible]: "The Christian Socialist was a great [illegible] recent campaign and I hope the Comrades [illegible] the state will continue its opportunity [illegible] people."

Comrade C. L. Thompson of [illegible] a Christmas present to the C. S. [illegible] cerely. It is appreciated.

C. H. Symmes, Oakland, Calif., [illegible] of subs writes: "Believing that a list [illegible] be the most acceptable Christmas [illegible] I send you a few names [illegible] tinue to send more as often as [illegible] of Christmas cheer will [illegible] year. We want more of it [illegible]"

With his donation of [illegible] and 100 copies of the [illegible] of California says: "I [illegible] who got his eyes opened [illegible] to do his part toward [illegible] more of his brother [illegible]

"Please send me the Weekly [illegible] I am glad I can have it [illegible] has been to me a [illegible] what is right and Christ[illegible] Christianity was [illegible] through your paper [illegible] lights in Socialism [illegible] Christian Socialist [illegible]

About Sunday [illegible]

"I like the plan of [illegible] School lessons are [illegible] time in teaching a young [illegible] first of the year we expect [illegible] day School as an auxiliary of [illegible] this city. We expect [illegible] the Word and lessons as given in the Christian Socialist.

"Yours in the hope of His Kingdom [illegible]

"Adherent [illegible]

The Lesson [illegible]

Comrade Ralph L. Kline of [illegible] a list of ten yearly subs [illegible] Concerning this list he writes: [illegible] names are persons who are [illegible] Church, but what is best, they are [illegible] its strongest and [illegible] Church is going to [illegible] and I think the Christian [illegible] rade Kline reports that [illegible] cialist ticket last fall and [illegible] faith.

"The above is an illustration of what [illegible] with faithful, persistent [illegible] and Dunnison and [illegible] Christian Socialist in [illegible] period and Comrade Kline [illegible] church and after [illegible] lem, he writes: "It has been my [illegible] the dawning light of Socialism [illegible] consciousness of many with whom I come in contact."

It was the writer's privilege to speak [illegible] Church on Sunday [illegible] from our Pittsburg [illegible] audience of people [illegible] great truths of Socialism [illegible] the C. S. [illegible] for this church it will [illegible] if the Comrades will follow Comrade [illegible] example.

A draft for [illegible] Comrade J. W. [illegible] was for [illegible] cards, and copies of [illegible] letter: [illegible] a large family of [illegible]

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### TO THE MINISTRY

By A. M. Kinney, Seneca, Kansas.

[illegible] Comrades, servants of the Lord,
[illegible] to the trumpet call
[illegible] you draw the righteous sword
[illegible] till you fall!
[illegible] your hearth
[illegible] Jesus bids you rise?
[illegible] dominion o'er the Earth
[illegible] Mammon, lord of lies!
[illegible], and preach the naked Word
[illegible] followers of the Lamb!
[illegible] Truth at stake, can you afford
[illegible] preach a craven sham?
[illegible] world that Jesus came to save
[illegible] dead in sin and shame;
[illegible] it from its filthy grave
And glorify His Name!

* * *

O God, arouse their sluggish minds
With lightning from above;
Tear off the veil of greed which blinds
Their eyes to Truth and Love.

[illegible] Happy New Year to the Whole World, and [illegible] to the Readers of this Paper. And a [illegible] and Honorable New Year, Which is far [illegible]

[illegible] God Bless You, Each and Every One, [illegible] You Most Need, Whether it be in [illegible] or in Pain.

### OUR COMMENCEMENT

[illegible] issue marks the seventh anniversary of [illegible] of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST, [illegible] of its eighth year, and its "Com[illegible]" as a weekly, therefore we will [illegible] extra hundred dollars celebrating the [illegible] event by giving you another double [illegible], a sixteen page paper. The sixteen [illegible] "Replies to Hill" was our Christmas gift, [illegible] New Year present. People usually [illegible] presents on their birthdays and com[illegible], but we are giving you one; yet [illegible] not do it had you not first made it [illegible] your earnest, generous labor, there[illegible] you for the privilege of present[illegible] large, vigorous, beautiful child of [illegible] and loyalty.

### SEVEN YEARS

[illegible]

[illegible] friendships, the inspiration, the opportunity for service, and the success it has brought. In some respects they have been seven very "lean years," in other respects they have been "seven fat years."

And our dear Comrade, Mrs. Moyer, than whom this paper has no truer friend and helper, declares that the "seven lean years" are now happily past away and that the "seven fat years" are just ahead.

God grant it.

May the circulation of the paper increase more rapidly in the future than it ever did in the past. May it soon obtain the long-coveted 50,000 regular subscribers, and may it have away beyond a hundred thousand before the next seven years are gone.

Will you help?

### WHAT WE STAND FOR

The CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST will stand during its EIGHTH year for exactly the same thing it has stood for during the last seven years, that is, for SOCIALISM, real, class-conscious, revolutionary Socialism, and for RELIGION, real, class-conscious, revolutionary religion; for "Hath not God Chosen the Poor?" and did not Jesus preach the "Good News to the Poor?" and does not both the Law and the Prophets agree with the Gospel that "The Meek Shall Inherit the Earth?"

We want the rich and well-to-do to help us, if they will; but they cannot cause us to adulterate the message one whit for all the money they may give. We stand for the proletarian revolt upon which both the Mosaic and Christian religions, as well as the Marxian Socialist movement, were founded, and we will not yield, AND WE WILL BE HEARD. In fact, we are being heard, and thousands have come to a knowledge of the truth and found a better way because of the seven years work of this paper.

Our sole object is to help the cause of true Socialism and to advance the genuine Kingdom of God. For this we have turned our backs upon the honors and emoluments of a capitalist world and a capitalist ruled church, to suffer poverty, abuse, and endless toil. For this we will loyally, bravely, industriously, live or gladly die.

And whatever this paper does, whether it condemns the greed and cruelty of capitalists, denounces the graft of so-called "Comrades," or exposes the misdeeds of arrogant or corrupt officials, it does all for the sole purpose of strengthening and advancing the cause of Socialism, which we love better than our lives. Our only concern is that the cause should really go forward and not backward, or sidewise into the muddy ditch.

We must not be misunderstood as desiring to impose on the Socialist party or movement any religious bonds. We would fight as quickly and vigorously against committing the party or movement to the Methodist as to the Atheist creed. There must always be complete freedom of religious opinion; and no one can justly claim that the movement, as such, stands, or should stand, or could stand, for any particular religious or anti-religious creed. Let each declare in his own tongue the wonderful promises of Socialism. Let us resist only the attempt to commit the movement to any sectarian view. But let us insist on character on the part of our representatives.

Let us who stand for these things unite our forces and "go forward" TOGETHER.

We shall need to unite; for there are many, and have always been many, who will oppose what the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST stands for. They hate religion, they hate moral sentiment, and nothing makes them so angry or so vicious as the demand for purity in the movement, especially on their own part; but the movement must stand officially for purity, or it will fail utterly—and ought to. But the movement will not fail. It will purge out the dross, it will stand for the highest virtue, it will carry on the work of [illegible] in every important particular. [illegible] of the CHRISTIAN [illegible]

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SOCIALIST, [illegible] any other [illegible] cialist stands [illegible] cialist paper, whereas [illegible] nature of the case, [illegible] derstand and appreciate the [illegible] work of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST [illegible] enough to help it much.

Therefore those who do understand and appreciate the work of this paper should concentrate their strength of time, talent and [illegible] upon it.

Stand by this paper, [illegible] Defend it by arguments, work for it [illegible] it, do your utmost to make it a [illegible] spread its influence. [illegible] WORK IS YOUR WORK, [illegible] CIAL, PERSONAL [illegible] Do your very best for it now and [illegible] Be one of the lifters, and pullers, and [illegible] and drivers of this paper. It affords the [illegible] est opportunity for real usefulness [illegible] ARE YOU WITH US?

### A 16-PAGE PAPER

You see that this issue contains [illegible] pages and is therefore double the [illegible] Eight pages are all we can afford; [illegible] a large family in a small flat, we [illegible] room. The larger space costs more [illegible] alas, which we have not, and what [illegible] we do?

Our eight page form will require [illegible] departments be sadly limited for space [illegible] will see next time; for we cannot [illegible] more than twice as many issues per [illegible] each paper twice the size—unless [illegible] many, many, many subscribers.

The subscriptions during the [illegible] months have rolled in famously. [illegible] most pessimistic member of our [illegible] now has faith that we shall make the [illegible] "go." BUT THAT ALL DEPENDS [illegible] YOU. We are doing what we can, [illegible] new subscribers you must get—or the [illegible] goes under.

We are not planning to go [illegible] We are planning for a 16-page [illegible] larly just as soon as you send in [illegible] And we are going to make the paper [illegible] tractive and helpful that you will find [illegible] work keeping up your enthusiasm and [illegible] new subs and will be able to boom the [illegible] with very little actual work.

And now, please start the New Year right by capturing a list of new [illegible] This is the only hope of the CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST for life and success.

### SPECIAL FEATURES

Those who take pains to note the [illegible] departments of this, our first weekly issue, [illegible] be convinced that a most excellent beginning has been made.

The three leading articles which occupy the first four pages are in themselves worth [illegible] more than the price of the paper, and the [illegible] of Comrade Prosser on the Sunday [illegible] Lessons, pages 14 and 15, is another [illegible] worth as much. We have printed two [illegible] this week in order to get them far [illegible] ahead of date to enable the Comrades in [illegible]ida, California, Oregon, Canada, west and [illegible] and Maine to get the lessons in good time [illegible] effective Sunday School work. Hereafter [illegible] lesson per week will be sufficient. Be [illegible] preserve your paper and study the [illegible] Also try to get the Sunday School class [illegible] attend to subscribe for the paper.

The departments for women and for children have only had time to sprout, but [illegible] can see that they give promise of [illegible] vigorous and beautiful plants. "Aunt [illegible]ryn" will surely "make good" with the children and with their parents, too, and [illegible] to secure a regular editor for the [illegible] column soon.

The short story feature will prove [illegible] helpful to those who like their [illegible] presented in narrative form. [illegible] that will, in due time, [illegible] a rich treat.

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[illegible] Comrade [illegible] the family, and [illegible] we will have [illegible] They make inter- [illegible] reading.

[illegible] Notes and Comments of Com- [illegible] in this number, page 13. [illegible] owing to the [illegible] J. Wesley [illegible] Comrade Prosser [illegible] Comrade Strobell's [illegible] We hope to have [illegible]

[illegible] have observed, therefore, that we [illegible] with six main departments, [illegible] editorials and general news re- [illegible] propaganda department, the story [illegible] children's column, the woman's [illegible] the S. S. lesson, and the Fellowship. [illegible] will be other features presented as space [illegible] offer, especially a continued story. [illegible] need more than eight pages on which [illegible] accomplish all these good purposes.

## A RARE CASE

[illegible] Socialist Tried for Larceny" is the head [illegible] item in the Record Herald. There [illegible] other crimes reported in the [illegible] Herald that day, but we were not in- [illegible] which of these offenses were com- [illegible] Republicans and which by Demo- [illegible] Of course it was not partiality, nor a [illegible] leave a wrong impression about the [illegible] that caused the paper to omit stating [illegible] of the forty-nine and mention the [illegible] of the one. It was because the crimes [illegible] are so rare that when one is dis- [illegible] it makes a sensational news item, [illegible] criminals, unless otherwise specifical- [illegible] are to be understood as belonging to [illegible] the old parties.

[illegible] Socialist was accused of stealing [illegible] quantities from the Indiana Oil [illegible] of which he was an employe. They [illegible] of his earnings every day and [illegible] was silent and helpless; but when the [illegible] worker took some oil to ease his over- [illegible] back, he was promptly arrested.

[illegible] he should not have taken the oil, [illegible] does not the Law protect him from [illegible]

[illegible] the law is not made by workers for [illegible] Socialist laws are.

## [illegible] Are Methodists Worth?

[illegible] L. Davis of Mexico, Mo., is re- [illegible] saying that the Methodists are [illegible] and should have paid one- [illegible] to the Lord's cause, but that they [illegible] than $12,000,000 which they have re- [illegible] pay on their "tithes."

[illegible] God?" Brother Davis de- [illegible] Methodists have done so. [illegible] more than 5,000,000 Methodists [illegible] in the U. S. alone—are they really [illegible] per head? If so, they aver- [illegible]

[illegible] Methodists are worth many [illegible] per head.

[illegible] all the millions of Methodists in [illegible] would pay their debt to God and hu- [illegible] would soon have a glorious so- [illegible] that would dethrone mammon [illegible] us all rich. Then we could [illegible] Christianity and would speedily [illegible] to Christ; for the promise is [illegible] that when "the holy city," [illegible] civilization, is once es- [illegible] "all nations shall flow unto [illegible] They are only waiting to be [illegible] it is up to the Methodists to do [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Supreme Court of the U. S. and the prompt confirmation by a Republican Senate clearly proves that "the wise ones" of both old parties realise that there is no difference between them. The quick and emphatic approval of White's appointment by the Wall Street Journal and other organs of high finance, because they say he is a stanch supporter of capital against radicalism, gives the necessary clue to this mysterious procedure. The growth of Socialism, radicalism and insurgency must be forestalled by an iron-clad plutocratic supreme court to nullify their laws; and meanwhile the standpatters of both old parties must draw more closely together. Good. This makes the educational tasks of Socialism much easier. The truth is becoming plain enough even for partisan blinded workers to see it.

The New World (Catholic) of Chicago calls attention to the fact that Chief Justice White is an ex-confederate soldier and a Catholic, the first Catholic to be Chief Justice since Judge Tanney of Dred Scott Decision fame. And as White is so highly approved of by all the same commercial elements that backed Judge Tanney's notable, revolution-provoking decision, we may well wonder what he will do to set the people on fire in this industrial and political crisis by a plutocratic, unpopular decision. He is evidently placed there to guard the interests of the capitalistic slaveholders against any important law favorable to the working classes.

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And so Lorimer is innocent, absolutely innocent, after all. Well, well, what could have caused so many Democrats to vote for him? Perhaps they admired his blonde hair and considered it needful as a decoration for the senate chamber at Washington. No? Well, what then?

### Halo For Lorimer

The subcommittee of the United States Senate committee which investigated the charges of bribery in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer has taken the blond boss by the nape of the neck and the seat of his breeches, lifted him out of the mire of charges in connection with his senatorial election, and soused him into the Washington whitewash vat which is kept handy for fellows like Ballinger, Lorimer, et al.

Of course there was "no foundation for any of the charges that bribery had entered into the case in connection with the Lorimer election."

Certainly not!
Who said there was?
Link, $1,000.00!
White, $1,000.00!
Holstlaw, $2,500.00!
Beckmeyer, $1,000.00!

Of course those members of the Legislature who confessed to receiving these sums for their votes for Lorimer just disgraced themselves, their families, the Legislature, and the state with bribery confessions for amusement!

Somebody now order a brilliant halo for Lorimer and send it to him for Christmas!—Illinois State Register.

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## TEN MILLION SOCIALIST VOTES

The figures given out some time ago by the International Socialist Bureau and quoted in Comrade Strobell's Notes and Comments, page 6, do not include recent splendid gains. Some of the figures are for elections held as far back as 1904. The late gains in Spain, France, America and elsewhere bring the total to upwards of Ten Million Socialist Votes.

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Separate Socialist Sunday Schools are generally impossible. They cost too much time, labor and money, and reach Socialists only who do not particularly need that kind of a Sunday School. And they often become a nuisance, a weariness to flesh and spirit and a positive source of demoralization by cultivating an anti-church, anti-religious, faultfinding spirit.

Go where the non-Socialists are already assembled, and teach them Socialism from their own Bible. This is less expensive in time, labor and money, and it reaches the very ones we need to convert to Socialism.

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## [illegible]

Socialists distribute [illegible] cialist Replies to Hill [illegible] Hill's lectures.

(From the Daily True American [illegible])

Members of State Street [illegible] church who attended the [illegible] evening in the auditorium to hear [illegible] Hill's address, were incensed at [illegible] Trenton Socialists, who handed [illegible] "Christian Socialist" to [illegible] they emerged from the church [illegible]

The Socialist publication [illegible] Dr. Hill's attacks on Socialism, and [illegible] in bitter terms. He is referred to [illegible] for the capitalist class, and many [illegible] are devoted to his career.

### Judge Denounces [illegible]

Former Judge George W. M[illegible] member of State Street church, [illegible] Socialists to task for distributing [illegible] lications in front of the church. [illegible] the church also condemned the [illegible] ism for distributing the papers.

It is said the Socialist members [illegible] of their publication in every town in which [illegible] Hill delivers an address.

Comrade D. J. Henry, who [illegible] Trenton paper containing the [illegible] that there were nine comrades [illegible] papers instead of only two. [illegible] comrades loaded with Christian [illegible] stir things up anywhere, but a [illegible] is better.

The Trenton comrades ordered [illegible] copies of the Replies to Hill and [illegible] left, for Hill's audience was [illegible] they anticipated; therefore they [illegible] a copy to every priest and preacher [illegible] and to other church workers.

That's the way to do it.

Of course the ex-judge was [illegible] he thinks it an outrage to have the [illegible] Wesley Hill, D. D., confronted with [illegible] to his infamous slanders against [illegible] with his unsavory past record. [illegible] minded people think Socialists [illegible] working people should take [illegible] give them without complaint [illegible] should even say [illegible]

Let the comrades everywhere [illegible] the Christian Socialist 16 page [illegible] ing the Replies to Hill and [illegible] them to all the church-members [illegible] ers. And especially do not fail [illegible] quantity on hand for use wherever [illegible] speak. Let this ministerial [illegible] and decoy of Mammon realize [illegible] started something that will not [illegible] away and which will make him [illegible] sicker all the time.

The sixteen page Replies to Hill [illegible] one cent per copy in small bundles, [illegible] 500 copies, $8 for 1,000.

They are **THE REAL DYNAM[illegible]** them **EVERYWHERE.**

## Debs Sends Congratula[illegible]

"Replies to Hill" receive [illegible] dorsement from Debs and others.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. [illegible]

Dear Comrade Carr:

This is a very hurried line as I am [illegible] Girard. I only want to congratulate you [illegible] issue of Dec. 1st. It is by far the best [illegible] series, and will prove, I am sure, an [illegible] fective propaganda number.

With hearty wishes to you and Mrs. Carr [illegible] new year of abundant prosperity and [illegible] as ever, Yours faithfully,

E. V. [illegible]

**Get after every anti-Socialist, [illegible] cially every religious [illegible] the Replies to Hill. This [illegible] 16-page paper can be had for [illegible] copy in small bundles, [illegible] copies, $8 for $1,000. Get A BUN[illegible] NOW and let no [illegible] escape.**

### CALLS IT A [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] … Christian movement.

… necessary, therefore, to use severe language … these people to their duty today, … did in His day against the church … who spent their time in less important … omitted the weightier matters of the … mercy and good faith."

… put every Socialist under obligations to … great and helpful work. It is now up … Socialists to get the means through their … their friends to put this great number into … hands of every priest and preacher in the … States and Canada, and into the hands of … Y. M. C. A. Secretary, S. S. Superintendent, … far as possible into the hands of every member … the Christian churches. No better work for … can be done than this, in my judgment. … Christian people once fully understand … they are bound and glad to accept it. … bless you and help you in your good … may He raise up many others with the … means to carry the Christian Socialist … uttermost parts of the earth and thus … coming of His kingdom.

Harvey P. Moyer.

… known author comrade writes:

"… number (the Replies to Hill) was a … in many ways. Each one of your answers … tone and to the very point. I have … careful personal study and inquiry into … of our movement along the lines you … you are entirely correct that both the … of the movement are morally sound … have priceless letters in my possession … from authority. You have done jus- … which, a few years ago, the public was not … to hear or consider. Reply in this splen- … and you will have the whole body … with you."

"… Special is simply grand. It is a … and a bull's-eye hit. It cannot but …—Rev. W. A. Prosser.

"… reply. A copy ought to go to … in the United States. If you keep on … can we find words to express our ap- … admiration? You are doing a won- … no man in America is doing more … May you live long and have good …"—Rev. Wm. A. Ward.

… have written in a similar manner.

… let the Replies to Hill get cold.

## ARE YOU ON?

… the special 16 page edition … the Replies to Hill and his Ex- … were sent to every minister in the U. … Would not that pretty effectually spike his … and wake the preachers up? The readers … paper ought to see that it is done. It … cost $1,500.00, including addressing and …, but surely 1,500 of you can spare $1. … can spare $5 or $10. Others could spare … or even $1,000. Better use your money … help destroy the wicked profit system or it … destroy you. Unless the readers of this … the money we cannot possibly reach … preachers with that striking, convincing … Do what you can.

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## PROPOSED NATIONAL REFERENDUM

Hallettsville, Texas, Nov. 20, 1910.

Local Hallettsville, No. 93, hereby submits a motion for referendum, amending the national constitution of the Socialist Party as follows:

"ARTICLE LII.

"Sec. 3. All national party officers shall be elected annually and shall not hold the same office longer than two terms."

### Comment

The proposed amendment is eminently democratic. Failure to limit the terms of important offices tends to autocracy. For one thing, it tempts men to build "machines" in order to perpetuate themselves in office.

The mere fact that a person has held office too long is a fruitful cause for criticism and dissension even though he be guilty of no offense. The worst … rows, local, state and national, can be traced to lack of official rotation. Even under our capitalist government the wisdom of limiting the terms of governors and presidents is recognized. The best … are liable to become fossilized, self-serving … where there is the promise of a … ahead.

… that a certain man or men are indispensable … should therefore be kept in office indefinitely, … and not of Socialism. In a live, … democratic movement like ours, there is … fully able to fill national positions … may have been a time when … were scarce, but that time … past.

[illegible]

# The Passing of Tolstoi

By W. D. [illegible], Washington, D. C.

The dawn was breaking o'er the Russian steppes
When Tolstoi's fearless spirit took its flight,
And, with the rising sun, around the world,
The news was borne upon the wings of light.

The peasants dug his grave beneath the trees
Where, as a child, he played on Nature's [illegible]
The people sang their simple funeral hymns
And there they laid him down to dreamless rest.

For him no church bells toll the people's grief,
No priestly voice his words and deeds quote,
For him the churches hold no solemn mass,
For him no chants, no pealing anthems toll.

The church on him had placed her cruel ban
Because he kept the paths his Master trod,
And lived as did the lowly Nazarene,
The friend of man, the humble child of God.

For him no pomp, no pageantry of war,
No blaring trumpets sounding forth his fame,
For Tolstoi taught that labor, love, and peace
Were God's commands, and war a nation's shame.

The foe of Mammon and of priestly craft,
He lived and labored for the common good;
Against the power of landlord and of czar
He stood for justice and for brotherhood.

He scorned the life of idleness and ease,
He donned the mujik's blouse and tilled the soil,
He turned his back on culture, wealth, and rank
To share the lowly peasant's honest toil.

He sought not fame, and yet his name shall live
Beyond these centuries of cruel wars;
Shall live when from the memory of man
Has passed the old renown of kings and czars.

And in that coming age of brotherhood
His peasant's blouse shall live in art and song,
When all the gilded robes of royalty
Are mouldering in the tombs of ancient wrong.

ble retirement to the ranks, of comrades that have been committeemen or secretaries long enough to obtain a wider view of party problems; but not long enough to become possessed of the mischievous notion that they can not be replaced.

In a large measure it would put a stop to attacks on national officers—attacks that often hurt the movement more than the persons concerned, though this is not saying that such attacks are not sometimes justifiable. With this amendment in force a party officer would usually have stepped down and out before the opposition to him had crystallized, or else before any possible mischief within himself had the time or chance to get in motion. In nearly every case where state or national officers have been under fire, they had been in office longer than two years.

The point will be made that party officials do the best work after serving several years. That may be true in some cases, but in many cases they do their worst after the second term. Besides, few persons will be so much as nominated for national positions that have not considerable ability and experience to begin with.

A final point. With the growth of … [illegible]

the party in view. We are … controversy; our purpose … of controversies, and … harm the cause.

Let us practice democracy … No amount of argument … away with the fact that … is purely democratic. … tution has a similar … satisfaction.

On the whole, … appears good. … ple of rotation … saved the American … ultra conservatism … United Mine Workers … bor organizations … progress, and … Socialist movement … failures in the past …

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What a mighty wave of [illegible] would roll over our fair earth, if [illegible] could find our proper places in [illegible]. Then, indeed, would the [illegible] Heaven would reign on earth.

What sound are you giving out [illegible] daily life? Is it a sweet strain of [illegible] it the harsh note of discontent? [illegible] had a hand in forcing a son or daughter [illegible] any human being—into an uncongenial environment? If so, then have you created [illegible] share of Hades on earth.

# Woman's Realm

## SYSTEMATIC SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN AMONG WOMEN

(Woman's National Committee, 180 Washington St., Chicago.)

The Woman's National Committee of the Socialist Party is preparing for an active campaign among the women. They have prepared a series of twelve monthly programs, which will serve either as a lesson for home study, or for a public propaganda entertainment. These programs consist primarily of a brief lecture, especially prepared for this work by Anna A. Maley, Woman's National Organizer. About this lecture as a center are grouped songs, recitations and readings, selected from the best Socialist literature. Each month leading Socialist writers will contribute articles upon the subject under discussion, and these will be printed in the Socialist papers.

To assist in this educational work among the women, the Woman's National Committee has prepared special leaflets for free distribution, not only at these public entertainments, but from house to house. Each of these leaflets appeals to a distinct portion of the working-class women. One leaflet appeals directly to the girl in the workshop and factory; another to the teacher; another to the housewife, the domestic servant, the woman on the farm, and so on. In this way, hundreds of thousands of women will be reached during the next year.

The subject of the January program is [illegible] Peace. The leaflet for this month's [illegible] is entitled "To the Working Woman."

## THE TOPSYTURVYDOM OF LIFE

By Mary [illegible], Route 2, [illegible] City

We hear a good deal about the square peg in the round hole, in this day of character-analysis, but the world has yet to realize the vast number of these misplaced pegs.

In other words, we have yet to be brought to a realizing sense of the fact that two-thirds of the human race are placed amid uncongenial surroundings, and employed at some vocation other than they would voluntarily select, if the same were left to their choosing. And what is the chief effect of this wholesale forcing of human minds into channels that their peculiar temperaments and talents are utterly at variance with? . . . A discord so great that it resounds from horizon to horizon! The groaning, whining discontent of humanity is rising today to the very heavens. We find the man, whose attributes peculiarly fit him for the law, guiding the plow, or perhaps digging the ditches for sewer-pipes, while another, who would have been a blessing to humanity as a physician, is vainly striving to win fame and fortune as a barrister.

But of all the creatures who suffer most from uncongenial environments, it is woman. Her finer, more sensitive nature suffers more keenly, and her fretted spirit rebels against this outrage done to its natural tendencies; and she, more often than the sterner sex, is forced to assume duties that are irksome to the last degree.

While the home and family [illegible] [illegible]

## The Wilson Special

Contains the most burning thoughts, the most [illegible], the most convincing arguments and the [illegible] thrilling expressions of one of the greatest [illegible] of our time.

Every Socialist should read it—give it to your [illegible]. Every Christian should read it—[illegible] see that all in your neighborhood do.

One of the best ways is to distribute them [illegible] at the church doors on Sunday morning as the people come out, or hand them elsewhere to those you are particularly interested in.

The Wilson Special, on account of the [illegible] paper it is printed on, is being sold [illegible] the extra papers and less than the cost of the [illegible] edition. You get a big lot for a little [illegible] 1 cent each in small bundles, $[illegible] for [illegible] for 1,000.

HUSTLE, COMRADE, THE [illegible] THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST [illegible] YOU

## Books to [illegible]

[illegible]

The Christian Socialist

# FELLOWSHIP

GENERAL SECRETARY
[illegible] W. A. Ward, 3482 Giles Ave., St. Louis
GENERAL TREASURER
[illegible] P. Moore, 5408 Drexel Ave., Chicago
GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of Twenty-five Members


## FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

### ARTICLE I.

**Name.**

The name of this organization shall be the Christian Socialist Fellowship.

### ARTICLE II.

**Objects.**

Realizing that the social message of Jesus applied to the age of machine production means Socialism, we declare the objects of our Fellowship to be:

To proclaim Socialism to churches and other religious organizations; to show the necessity of Socialism to the complete triumph of Christianity; to end the class struggle by establishing industrial and political democracy, and to hasten the reign of justice and brotherhood—the Kingdom of God on earth.

### ARTICLE III.

**Membership.**

SECTION 1. Its members shall be active and associate.

SECTION 2. Its active members shall consist of those who are both Christians and Socialists, who shall agree to the objects as stated in Article II, be duly elected, be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws and pay dues. Membership dues shall be [illegible] cents per month.

SECTION 3. Its associate members shall be those who are in sympathy with the purposes of the Fellowship, and shall be duly elected. They shall have the privilege of a voice, but no vote.

SECTION 4. Where local Centers exist, they shall constitute the electing body, to which all applications for membership shall be made. Where no Center exists, application for membership shall be made to the General Secretary, with membership fee and shall be voted upon by the General Executive Committee.

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## THE GENERAL SECRETARY IN THE SOUTHWEST

The great southwest presents an inviting field to the Fellowship. Oklahoma, especially, is full of promise. The comrades in that state are awake and thinking. They are looking for every new instrument and method that will enable them to enlighten the ignorant and convert those who have been perverted by capitalism. They receive the Fellowship with enthusiasm. I have received many more calls from Oklahoma than I have time to respond to.

After writing the last account of my work in Oklahoma, I visited Hobart, Granite, Snyder, Chattanooga and Walter.

At Granite a comrade who runs a moving picture theater gave us the use of his theater and after the show was over I delivered the message to a good audience, many of whom found the portrayal of the real struggle which is taking place in our midst more interesting than the pictures.

At Snyder the meeting was held in the Methodist church. It was the first Socialist lecture in a church in that place and made a fine impression.

Comrade S. C. Stair, a member and active worker in the Fellowship, prepared well for my appearance in Chattanooga. I was late in arriving in the afternoon and part of my audience disappeared before I reached the church, but those who remained were pleased and went away to advertise the night meeting. The result was a full house and a very successful meeting at night. These two meetings will do more for the cause in Chattanooga than all the work that has been done in the past. Comrade Stair is a preacher and a Socialist speaker. Some time ago he found in Christian Socialism the very thing he was looking for and he has been preaching it ever since. Since our rousing meeting there he is more enthusiastic than ever and he expects to do more aggressive work as district secretary in his county.

The comrades at Walter had everything ready for a street talk in the afternoon and a church meeting at night. Although I do not speak in the street except when it is absolutely necessary, I did so in this instance rather than to disappoint the comrades. The street crowd gave respectful attention and went away to spread the news. This meeting was enlivened by a loud and furious word battle between two very old men who got into an argument on Bryan and Democracy. Both became excited, gesticulated and shouted so that they could be heard a block away.

At night the Methodist church was crowded. All [illegible]

The [illegible]

If "variety is the spice of life," Texas has plenty of spice. It is [illegible]. The soil in one section is poor and will not produce without plenty of rain. In another section it is heavy and black and the same quantity of rain will ruin a crop. One year crops are a famous success and the next almost a complete failure. The summers are usually hot, but one year, not long ago, the men had to wear their coats while working in the harvest field.

And there are all kinds of people—black and white and brown and red. Some are making money and some are almost starving. Some have modern homes, and the only home of some is a moving-wagon on the country highway.

I am having a varied experience in this state. A Socialist agitator who works in the general field, reaching all classes and filling all openings, must be ready for the worst, for he never knows when he will meet it.

When I reached Lawton, Okla., I found the railroad company had changed time of certain trains and the train I expected to take for my destination had gone several hours earlier. I had to hire an automobile and drive twenty-eight miles, arriving at Chattanooga late and out several dollars. But the audience appreciated the lecture sufficiently to make up the extra amount on my expenses to pay for the auto.

But that was not the worst. The change in time made it impossible for me to get from Walter, the last stop in Oklahoma, to Wichita Falls, Tex., in a day. A comrade living near Wichita Falls had accepted two dates and I was determined not to disappoint the audience. Comrade Wm. Park came to my rescue with an offer to drive me twenty-seven miles across country to catch an early train on another road. We drove to his home in the country after the night lecture, arriving about 2 in the morning. When we made an early start a few hours later to finish the journey, there was a cold, driving rain. Fifteen miles through mud, rain and cold. We reached Devol in time for me to catch a train which placed me in Wichita Falls about noon. I felt that I had, by heroic action, saved the day and looked forward to two fine meetings, for I had given this point two dates. But no one came to find the speaker, and when I made inquiries, I discovered to my sorrow that the hardships of the previous night and morning had all been for nothing. No meeting was arranged. No comrade came to see me, and, though I looked for Socialists, I did not locate one. The man who corresponded with me lived in the country, had no telephone and there was no way to communicate with him. Two days were lost, and I was left at a hotel an an expense, with nothing coming in. I have not heard from my friend yet and do not know why nothing was done after the dates were accepted. As a result of the exposure and unaccustomed hardships, together with the strain I had been under for some time, I spent most of one day in bed and have not yet fully recovered from the attack of sickness. This was my first experience in Texas. The next was more to my liking.

Before I mention that, special mention should be made of our noble comrade, Wm. Park, who stood by me so nobly. Comrade Park has been an exploited producer all his life. He has worked hard, raised a family and is still helping to bear the burdens capitalism heaps upon the workers. He became a Socialist years ago and has contributed time, strength and money. He is another one of the many who received the message of Christian Socialism with great joy. He had been a Christian Socialist before there was such a movement and when, as such, he stood entirely alone, misunderstood by friends and neighbors, yet he kept his colors flying and now it is good to see the happiness our Christian Socialist work brings to him.

He lives far from the points where my lectures were given, but he drove the twenty-five miles or more to Chattanooga and twelve to Walter to enjoy the meetings. And it was he who made the hard drive with me through rain and cold with never a word of complaint and agreeing to drive me all the way to Wichita Falls if we should miss the train.

Our movement is discovering many grand characters like this one whom the world has overlooked and not been worthy of. One of the pleasantest features of my work is meeting, in my travels, many of these heroes, the children of the kingdom, who may be last in this world, but who have been first to enter the kingdom of Heaven.

At Bowie, Comrades Riley, Spencer and others had done good work and had everything ready for a meeting in the Universalist church. The church was crowded and the message aroused the people and stirred the town. The next day it spread all over the community and was the general topic of conversation. Another lecture would have drawn a crowd too large for any hall in town to accommodate. It seemed like a revelation to the people.

Fort Worth dilly-dallied about dates until it was necessary to leave that city out. The comrades have since asked for a date, but the request came too late for them to get ready for the only open date I had. Thus a day was lost on my way east. Comrades should act promptly and definitely in such matters, for, if they do not, the speaker may lose valuable time and money which he cannot spare.

Two dates had been given Commerce. The comrades there did not understand [illegible]

[illegible] mostly [illegible]

I can [illegible] fifty in a hall [illegible] and fifty on the [illegible] must outgrow the [illegible] when we can get [illegible] it should be done. [illegible] remain on the street [illegible] that imperfect stage. [illegible] on the street. The [illegible] teachers in halls and [illegible] dience in a hall or church [illegible] Public speaking is a [illegible] demands right conditions to [illegible] these conditions do not exist on the [illegible] big enough, strong enough, [illegible] inside where we can [illegible] and unhindered by things [illegible] tion, get their minds [illegible] and convince.

The country church was located in [illegible] stricken section where farmers, [illegible] trying to live and only existing. [illegible] was small. The hearers were [illegible] pletely blinded by all of the old [illegible] lectures created interest, but the [illegible] was this: The hearers were [illegible] in shacks, with no carpets, [illegible] comforts of any kind, eating the [illegible] ing the cheapest clothing, yet they [illegible] tomed to this hard life [illegible] claiming to me that [illegible] be done with slaves [illegible]

M. A. Smith, a Christian [illegible] in the service of the Socialist party [illegible] merce. He has lectured all over [illegible] in many churches on Christian [illegible]

From Commerce I came to Dallas [illegible] I have seen thus far in the [illegible]

I had time to stop only one day [illegible] it was a very enjoyable day. [illegible] had very interesting interviews with [illegible] Edwards, editor of The Laborer, and [illegible] Smith, editor of The Pioneer.

The movement in Dallas is fortunate in [illegible] ing these bright men. The Laborer is a [illegible] cialist paper, ably edited.

Comrade Smith edits a magazine which [illegible] class by itself. Some time ago he [illegible] Socialism in no uncertain manner and [illegible] became a powerful advocate of social [illegible] periodical is original, fearless and [illegible] to be appreciated. It is the logical [illegible] Bran's Iconoclast.

The Dallas meeting was a great [illegible] mission of twenty-five cents was charged [illegible] expenses, but many complimentary [illegible] given away. At least four hundred [illegible] in the auditorium of the public library [illegible] one of the most receptive [illegible] talked to. No point in the [illegible] pathos escaped them, and their [illegible] light was manifest by frequent and [illegible] Many warm words of appreciation and [illegible] ment were spoken after the meeting [illegible] I would not have missed this visit [illegible] great deal.

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

District Secretary W. E. S. James is [illegible] active work in Ontario, Canada. He [illegible] recent convention of the Epworth League [illegible] one of the speakers gave a fine Christian [illegible] address (it was not announced as such) [illegible] Cross of Gold." Those who want to keep [illegible] out of the churches and other religious [illegible] have an impossible task before them, [illegible] endeavor to keep Socialists and Socialism [illegible] out of the church and off the program [illegible] not be done, for, frequently, the [illegible] have never suspected of Socialistic [illegible] come out plainly for Christian Socialism. [illegible] are becoming Socialists so fast that [illegible] be sure the man called will not [illegible] of social justice. If he is not a Socialist [illegible] give him a call, the chances are [illegible] before he gets there. This subject [illegible] the quietus to be put upon it and [illegible] Socialist is becoming ubiquitous. All [illegible] cerned might as well accept him [illegible]

A. O. Alexander, D. S., is busy in [illegible] He recently lectured in the Presbyterian [illegible] at Erskine and in the theater at [illegible] following interesting subjects: "Can [illegible] Be a Socialist and Can a Socialist Be a [illegible] and "The Socialists Awakening the Church [illegible]

David J. Morris is moving things [illegible] Since his appointment as secretary for [illegible] has lectured in many places, received [illegible] ber of applications for membership [illegible] ters at Berthoud, Loveland and New [illegible] attitude of the Socialist party [illegible] very unfriendly to our work when [illegible] began and many of the leaders [illegible] attacking the church and [illegible] from Socialism on every [illegible] good work of Comrade Morris [illegible] this mistaken attitude [illegible] some of those who [illegible] us and fighting [illegible] ship work. Where [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] earth with her [illegible] have power to [illegible] the workers say—no!—Geo. [illegible] in the Appeal to Reason.

[illegible] Socialist headquarters has just [illegible] list of the number of Socialists in the various countries the world over. [illegible] have been added, the results of the [illegible]

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| [illegible] | 3,250,000 |
| [illegible] | 1,100,000 |
| [illegible] | 600,000 |
| [illegible] | 500,000 |
| [illegible] | 1,000,000 |
| [illegible] | 500,000 |
| [illegible] | 339,000 |
| [illegible] | 337,000 |
| [illegible] | 100,000 |
| [illegible] | 99,000 |
| [illegible] | 90,000 |
| [illegible] | 82,000 |
| [illegible] | 75,000 |
| [illegible] | 30,000 |
| [illegible] | 3,000 |
| [illegible] | 5,000 |
| | 8,110,000 |

[illegible] impossible to secure figures from [illegible] definite figures from the Spanish [illegible] It is known, however, [illegible] by 40,000 votes in the [illegible] There is a marked Socialist movement [illegible] and in various other countries [illegible] and other hindrances [illegible] from developing.

[illegible] world are in greater numbers [illegible] since in many [illegible] have not the right to vote [illegible] have no franchise. [illegible] more than half the [illegible]

[illegible] have captured the city of Milan [illegible] elected their entire [illegible] besides winning [illegible] council. The vote stood: [illegible] Constitutionalists, 7,000, and Radicals [illegible] have also been victorious in Brescia, [illegible] Viterbo and [illegible] smaller places. While [illegible] the election has been [illegible] favorable to Socialism, while [illegible] and Clericals have suffered great [illegible]

[illegible] German official statements, the [illegible] after an unusually long vacation [illegible] Rumors are being circulated [illegible] a very short space of time, however [illegible] will be dissolved.

[illegible] the leading organ of the Socialist party, [illegible] well informed [illegible] that it has [illegible] for believing the general elections [illegible] much sooner than is generally believed.

[illegible] upon the part to stand together [illegible] when the call to arms is [illegible]

[illegible] Minister of War has issued a circular [illegible] that has taken place in the [illegible] of the people toward the army. [illegible] a regiment arrives in an [illegible] with open arms [illegible] The minister places the [illegible] on Socialist agitation [illegible] "Young Socialists" [illegible] the youth of the country [illegible] are destined for the army.

[illegible] of the Zukunft, who [illegible] [illegible]

The Sunny South is surely awakening to Socialism. In the state election in Arkansas last month the Socialist party polled 9,196 votes. Two years ago the vote was [illegible] and four years ago 2,1[illegible]. The percentage of the total vote was better in Arkansas than in the large Northern and Eastern states. And take notice! The Associated Press didn't have a line to report about this result, which has only become known to the Arkansas Socialists themselves through the publication of the official count. It is likely, too, that not all the Socialist votes are accounted for.

National Secretary Barnes, of the Socialist party, states that the national office is in better shape financially than in any previous campaign. Up to October 14 nearly $2,800 had been contributed to the campaign fund and about $4,000 was available on that date with which to carry on the propaganda. When money is "easy" like that in Socialist circles it is very significant that something is going to happen.

The national executive committee S. P. has made the following appropriations to assist in the campaign in promising congressional and legislative districts: $400 for the Fifth and Eighth Congressional districts of California; $200 for Los Angeles county, Cal.; $100 each for the Salem and Haverhill (Mass.) districts; $250 for the Ninth Congressional district of New York; $250 for the Eighth Congressional and three Legislative districts of Minnesota; $200 for the Twelfth Congressional district of Ohio; $1,000 for the Fourth and Fifth Congressional districts of Wisconsin. Also $50 for the street car strikers of Columbus, Ohio.

There seems to be two sets of opinions regarding the Socialist condition in England. One side points to the weakness of the members in parliament, the resolve to do away with the pledge against fusing with the old parties. They say that certain of the labor leaders manifest a Socialism that is a hundred degrees at Stuttgart or Copenhagen, but that gets down to zero in the British parliament. But Hardie and MacDonald deny this and Philip Snowden, one of the members of parliament, said while on a recent visit here: "Recent events, so far from disturbing us, have rather had the effect of unifying and solidifying the various elements in the Labor party. I don't believe the feeling of unity, of a common purpose, was ever so strong. We have discovered what we can do and it has taught us that we can do more."

The Independent Labor party has been of untold value in leading the workers into Socialism. The trade unions were inclined to be prejudiced against Socialism at first, principally because they really know nothing about it. Now, however, the trade union membership is most receptive to Socialism. And this, I think, has been our great achievement.

"Instead of maintaining a policy of uncompromising isolation, we have entered politics with the trade unions as workers for a common cause and common needs. In fact, I think I can state with positiveness that the I. L. P. section in a comparatively few years has done more to turn the minds of the British laborers toward Socialism than could have been accomplished by any other agency.

"We are confident and full of hope for the future. I might say that we never felt surer of our growing strength than at the present."

In the mind of Marx the theory of value and the theory of surplus value were explanations of what actually happens in capitalistic society, not justifications of some ideal order. They showed, as he thought, why Socialism is inevitable, not why it is right.

Yet Catholics, as well as other writers, constantly assure us (sometimes without having read a line of Marx) that he believed that labor ought to have the full product of industry, because it creates all value. One cannot refuse a certain amount of sympathy with Father Hohoff's assertion that many Catholics attack the Marxian theory of value merely because of their opposition to Socialism. They assume that if they can demolish the labor theory of value the whole superstructure of Socialism will necessarily topple over. Now this conception of the matter is pitifully simple naive and a priori. . . . Those who regard the theory of value as important can see it refuted and still believe that the present system is wrong. For the vital and decisive fact remains that labor of some sort produces, in conjunction with capital, all wealth and that the capitalist as such, as mere owner of the instruments of production, produces nothing. . . . Despite its exaggerations, Hohoff's book is well worth reading. It calls attention forcibly to the medieval conceptions of labor and wealth, and compels us to realize that the spirit and traditions of the Church are much less favorable to the current claims and pretensions of wealth and of capitalism than the uninformed reader would be likely to infer from a study of many contemporary Catholic writers. The latter are so preoccupied [illegible] Socialism and [illegible] that they go to the opposite [illegible] the amount of truth [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] This movement is a [illegible] of China in modern life. [illegible] the anti-dynastic [illegible] publicans are organizing for [illegible] At the same time the [illegible] been gaining ground [illegible] the Chinese Socialists is Sun Yat [illegible] a man about 40 years old, who was [illegible] wich Islands. Sun Yat-sen has [illegible] United States, and for the last [illegible] as agitator in India, Java, Philippine [illegible] and San Francisco. In China he [illegible] anti-dynastic secret societies. Sun Yat [illegible] cialism only lately. It was through him [illegible] Socialist propaganda literature was [illegible] China.

"Socialism is producing the soundest [illegible] character the world has known. There is [illegible] for it. The mere demand for an [illegible] elementally moral that it is bound to [illegible] acter. It may be there are some Socialists [illegible] not see that character in the [illegible] but it is. Socialism ought to inspire [illegible] purest and most heroic lives. It does [illegible] in most cases, perhaps. It should with [illegible] engaged in the most humanizing work [illegible] turies, and the cause needs our every [illegible] cleanest thought. It is an opportunity [illegible] come to the world before for a display [illegible] acteristics of true manhood and [illegible] and to rise equal to the opportunity we [illegible] the truest character. This will react on [illegible] and on our reputation in the future. [illegible] the joy of achieving the goal of the [illegible] may be impossible for us under present [illegible] develop the really great characters which [illegible] after Socialism has humanized the race [illegible] as the pioneers of that time, and it will [illegible] credit for posterity to say of us that [illegible] only high thinkers, idealists, heroes [illegible] but we were also the architects [illegible] builders of the new structure."—[illegible] "Voice of Labor," Johannesburg, [illegible]

A short time ago the railway unions [illegible] and resolutions sent to Washington [illegible] thorities to allow the railroads to [illegible] money, asking that their stock [illegible] up—doubling up trains—neglecting safety [illegible] —paying starvation wage-system to [illegible] on, and now come these figures of [illegible] wounded, mainly from their own ranks [illegible] —was there ever in the whole history of [illegible] given equal knowledge and opportunity [illegible] idiocy?

Four negro [illegible] into an association at a convention [illegible] ago in Chickasha. A remarkable [illegible] ering was the adoption of a [illegible] Socialist party platform and ticket [illegible] agreed that the Republican party [illegible] quent in supporting the negro [illegible] cialist party had been the only [illegible] up for justice for the colored [illegible] cent state referendum to disfranchise [illegible] the adoption of a "grandfather clause" [illegible]

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# The International Sunday School Lessons for 1911

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## S. S. LESSON FOR JAN. 8

[illegible] Makes Idols for Israel to Worship—I Kings 12:25-33—Read I Kings 12:1-14:20, II Chron. 10-13

*[illegible] the S. S. Lesson in the Bible before reading [illegible]. Be prepared to show the Truth [illegible] interpretation by the Bible text. [illegible] the Bible as a mighty Sword and as [illegible] against sophistries.*

[illegible] Israel rebelled against the house of Judah and established an independent kingdom. The rebellion was against the tyranny and oppression incident to monarchy. It was timely and of divine [illegible] and sanction. Henceforth the Hebrew people were divided into two sections and lived side by side in the land of their adoption in jealousy and bitter warfare. After the disruption of the kingdom each section applied itself, according to its own demands, to eke out its existence and [illegible] future. They began by adopting a [illegible] policy, selecting and fortifying a capital, building cities of defense and raising an armed force for offensive and defensive warfare against each other. Each adopted a policy with a view to outwit and beat the other. Rehoboam, of course, retained Jerusalem as his capital, but he fortified many outlying cities and armed them with men and munitions of war. He is supposed to have followed the same religious and civil policies of his father, but, in reality, he did only so long as they were convenient to his personal safety and power. He introduced foreign elements into both the national religion and civics. Jeroboam first chose Shechem as his capital and fortified it. Later he moved to Penuel, on the east side of Jordan, and still later Tirzah, about 6 miles northeast of Shechem. He also built and fortified other places and stocked them with men and weapons, and for the same reason that Rehoboam did. (Kings can't get along without soldiers.) He also adopted a domestic policy for the nation, a striking item of which was the religious feature. It is this that forms the lesson for today.

But since we shall not pass this way again in the course of our lessons it is well for us to note here that the rebellion, though divinely justified and successful, was absolutely barren of the results it was hoped it would bring. It brought no permanent relief, no lasting good (except lessons to future generations), because it was reformatory and not revolutionary. It may have [illegible] as it should have been. It may have been, and no doubt was, an honest and sincere attempt at reformation, but, like all attempts, sincere or otherwise, at reforming a bad thing, it failed to bring forth good fruit. A bad thing, whether it is a tree, man, monarchy or the devil, cannot be made good by reformation. The only cure is transformation, regeneration, or revolution. To get rid of the devil he must be overthrown, hanged by his neck until twice dead. This is what the rebelling Israelites did not see or seeing failed to act upon. They, after their successful revolt, played the fool, as so many of their later brothers have done, in electing their leader, Jeroboam, to be king over them. They instituted a monarchy in their midst. That was their fatal mistake. Knowingly or ignorantly it makes no difference so far as consequences [illegible] they [illegible]

however established is always a curse and never a blessing to a nation.

### Jeroboam's Religious Policy.

Our lesson keeps us within the confines of Israel and gives us a glimpse of the soul and doings of Jeroboam. If you read the lesson carefully you will discover that it concerns itself very little with the mere matter of idols but a great deal with the larger subject, Jeroboam's national religious policy and the reasons for it. It shows us the inner soul of Jeroboam as well as his outward activity. It points him out as actively engaged in devising and thrusting upon a people, under false pretenses, a religious scheme that had but one end in view, the converting of a whole nation into a willing tool for his personal safety, power and interests.

Jeroboam's religious scheme consisted principally of three items. 1st. Setting up royal sanctuaries at Dan and Bethel and high places at convenient spots throughout the kingdom. 2d. Discarding and driving out the priests and Levites of the Mosaic order and making priests of his own from among the common people. 3d. Instituting a feast suited to his own taste and convenience.

Such was the religious policy of Jeroboam. The writers of the books of Kings and Chronicles pronounce it a curse. They declared it a personal and national crime, a heinous sin against God and man for which the king and nation would be severely punished. The sin, they claim, consists not so much in the scheme itself but in the motive that inspired it, its tendencies and ultimate issues. Its sinfulness consisted in four things: 1st. It was a self-made scheme and imposed upon the people for personal and selfish reasons. The lesson makes it clear that Jeroboam devised the scheme in the private council chamber of his own mind with the intent of deceiving the people and making himself secure in the new kingdom. He established royal places of worship at the strategic points of Dan on the north and Bethel on the south, built high places here and there, appointed priests of his own selection and ordained feasts all for the purpose of preventing a stampede of the people back to Rehoboam and the assassination of himself. Verses 27-29. He deliberately converted God into a tool and made an asset of the religious instincts and institutions of the people for his personal account. He captured the church that he might the easier control the people. Political power was the mainspring of his religious zeal and activity. It was a sin. 2d. It was divisive in character. It broke the continuity of the national religion. It changed slightly the complexion of the Jehovah worship. It instituted a new order of priests and Levites with new personal interests. The feast, while after the fashion of the Judean feast, was held at a little different time and was meant to outdo it in splendor. The whole scheme was intended to keep the people apart and prevent a comingling, a reuniting of the factions. Jeroboam well knew the power and bond of religious instincts and prejudices and used them to advantage. He saw if he could keep the people apart religiously he could keep them apart politically. He worked it and it was a sin. 3d. It corrupted the pure worship of Jehovah. It set up a rival god of human manufacture. It obscured the person, character and laws of the only true God, Jehovah. It hid from sight the God who befriended them when in oppression and slavery and called them to the life and liberty of Canaan. Jeroboam saw clearly he must rid himself of a racial God and make a local or national one if he would keep his people together and his throne secure. He desired a divine sanction for his regime and found it in a god of his own make. He corrupted religion for political gain. And, 4th, he imposed the system on the nation and compelled the people to worship according to his dictum. He not only sinned himself but compelled the whole nation to sin with him. By example, precept and force he "drove" the people to worship as he commanded. Read I Kings 14:16, 12:30, 15:30, II Kings 17-21, where these things are brought out. For a while, a brief time, the people did not take kindly to his scheme and many escaped to Judah to worship the true God. But Jeroboam, depending upon the power of example, royal patronage and a little force when needed, abided his time and soon saw the whole nation at his feet. He corrupted public morals and perverted a whole nation for his personal ends. And this too was a damnable sin.

From the beginning death has been the penalty of sin and Jeroboam personally and his nation [illegible]

[illegible] for the sake of [illegible] for the sake of supporting [illegible] rival sects or lest the [illegible] usurp their place and [illegible] been used in support of [illegible] acles promulgated or [illegible] sacred text defended. And [illegible] kind has been undermined by [illegible] tended to preserve it. The [illegible] tory is a record of the [illegible] best intentions, a church [illegible] corrupted."

Prof. F. D. Maurice [illegible] "Jeroboam did not trust the [illegible] not that his kingdom [illegible] dom, but that it was to be [illegible] props and functions. The [illegible] ly thin. Many regard [illegible] there is a whole heaven [illegible] who believes that his [illegible] dation confesses his own [illegible] bility to an actual living [illegible] sires to surround himself [illegible] would fain make himself [illegible] cannot, and would therefore [illegible] men have of an invisible [illegible] ceased to believe. He [illegible] of his authority. [illegible] To quote again, [illegible] spiritual principles out of [illegible] leads to destruction and [illegible] times." Kings in Exposition [illegible]

### Things to [illegible]

As it was in the beginning [illegible] be so long as the world [illegible] kings of society, whether [illegible] itary, political or commercial [illegible] church and run it in their own [illegible] after class legislation and [illegible] class life. They do and [illegible] institutions, the very [illegible] their end. True, they [illegible] other institutions, the home, [illegible] the state, but they never [illegible] when they have the church [illegible] der their thumb. For [illegible] been and is now a mighty [illegible] seeing this, the leaders [illegible] been slow in bringing the [illegible] them. They have always [illegible] pose. Jeroboam did; the [illegible] Constantine the Great [illegible] the Czars, Emperors and [illegible] gans, Ryans, Armours, [illegible] in our day have. How and [illegible] reason and with what [illegible] read the little book, "The C[illegible]" by Richard Heath.

They must capture the church if they [illegible] trol the people. The common people [illegible] been religious, church [illegible] ants. They are so today. [illegible] are in the church, [illegible] hour. The "people" [illegible] the church is supposed to [illegible] it in the hope of hearing [illegible] "poor" heard Christ gladly [illegible] He speaks. The church is [illegible] stitution and Christianity [illegible] church is composed today of [illegible] of the working people and [illegible] backbone. But alas! alas! they [illegible] control it. If they had [illegible] history would tell another [illegible] own and control it we [illegible] tory with a new chapter. [illegible] and is today controlled by [illegible] the working man of the [illegible] church is not totally, [illegible] rather too much a class [illegible] hint of the general [illegible]

"A church paper [illegible] far as known of the [illegible] Triennial Convention of the [illegible] Church, one hundred and [illegible] dred and ninety-one, [illegible] paper says: 'Of the [illegible] able to chronicle [illegible] cording to their [illegible] are divided as [illegible] other lawyers, 40; [illegible] merchants, 10; [illegible] no occupation, 6; [illegible] cials, 5; [illegible]

[illegible]

... We shall ... matters. The ... the country is corrupt ... on the people and its power over the ... of the nation. Let your Jeroboams ... and divide you if you will, but you and your ... will suffer for it. God has decreed and ... will be executed.

Let us be careful to distinguish between genuine and spurious religion. There is a vast difference between God's Truth and Jeroboam's scheme. Human creeds and Biblical religion are not always identical. If we have reason to condemn the one let us be careful we do not damn the other. In [illegible] Jesus be sure you do not destroy the foundation. In emptying the bath tub watch that you do not throw out the baby.

Then watch for the distinction between the church as a human and a Divine institution; as a "captive city" in the hands of the Jeroboams and as a free institution in the hands of God for all the people. The church as an institution and the church as it is sometimes run are many times two distinct things. If the church as an institution is a good thing but captive in the hands of enemies, let our anathemas fall upon the heads of the enemies and upon the methods they use to run it and not upon the institution itself. Let our zeal and consuming righteous indignation be directed, not in destroying, but in rescuing the church from the hands of the corrupting Jeroboams and in placing it in the hands and under the control of the people. This is not the line of least resistance, but it is the line of reason and safety.

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**Lesson 3, Jan. 15.—Asa's Good Reign in Judah. II Chron. 15:1-15. Read I Kings 15, and II Chron. 13-16**

Last week we were with Jeroboam in Israel. Today we are in the little Judean kingdom with our eyes fixed upon Asa and his work. The lesson concerns itself with existing social conditions, the young king and his reform.

Asa was the grandson of the bull-headed and tyrannical Rehoboam, and the third king on the throne since the division of the empire. He came to the throne in 917 and reigned till 876, a period of 41 years. He is accounted a keen-witted, open-eyed, bold and moral, though not faultless, young fellow, a man far above the average of the kings.

When he ascended the throne the political, economic and moral affairs of the nation were in a deplorable condition. The throne was corrupt and [illegible]; the nation was in constant turmoil through political broils and wars; the economic interests were jeopardized by burdensome taxation and, according to Azariah, the nation had gone so far astray religiously as to be without a correct knowledge or due concern of the true God, the true law, or a true prophet. The nation had gradually degenerated from the days of Solomon, until now it was standing on the brink of hell. It was internally divided, corrupt and weak, and was in imminent danger of destruction. Asa saw these things and felt it was time to act.

What the actuating motive in Asa's reform was is not quite clear. Whether it was the product of the fear of political destruction, personal danger, or the love of goodness and general welfare, we are not told. Whatever the motive he should receive due credit for the success or failure of the movement.

The work he did was reformatory and not revolutionary. It was a religious reformation that left the political and economic structure untouched. It was really a religious revival, a going back to a form of worship they had forsaken. But it was not even a thorough-going reformation or revival. It was simply the correction of a few of the grossest evils, a lopping off a few of the branches of the evil tree. It left the roots and trunk and some branches still standing. He drove out the [illegible], the Sodomites, "removed all the idols his fathers had made," deposed Maacah the queen-mother and smashed and burnt at the brook Kidron her abominable image of Asherah, rebuilt the altar of Jehovah before the porch of the temple, dedicated "silver, gold and vessels" to service in the house of God, and took an oath from the people that henceforth they would worship Jehovah [illegible]

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... National Conditions

Were any comparison ... the conditions of our country as compared with Judah in the time of Asa, better, worse or the same. We need raise the question to have every well-informed and unbiased mind answer that the political, economic, social and religious condition of our country is bad. It is a matter of little moment whether we conclude that our country is better or worse than Judah was, but it is of significance to us to know that the conditions of our country are exceedingly bad.

Politically, we are rotten. Politics has degenerated into a game played with loaded dice. It is the System's scheme to deceive and enslave a nation. Statecraft has come to mean corporation graft. To largely civil office is a means of exploitation and too frequently the office-holder a tool on the one hand and a corrupter on the other. Our political situation is qualitatively described by such terms and phrases as—"Corporation Campaign Funds," "Big Business Influence," "Control," "Machine," "Boss," "Ward-heeler," "Frauds," "Bribes," "Ballot-box Stuffing," etc., etc. These express our political situation ever. Only the rich and the rich [illegible] can dabble in politics or hope to be elected to public office. We are ruled by a "Boss," whether we call him Asa, Penrose, Cox, Aldrich, Uncle Joe, Murphy, and only those whom the Boss [illegible] sit on the seat of authority. The man hostile to the System, rich or poor, wise or otherwise, need not hope for the crown. Should any such come into office it is not because of the System, but in spite of it. If there were political parties in Asa's time and they were worse than ours, the historian did not, for shame, mention them.

Our economic condition is no better than the political. In fact the political situation is but an expression of our economic principles. Our economic condition has two sides, the side of the exploited and the side of the exploiter. [illegible] our people are producers, and [illegible] 60,000,000 are useless toilers [illegible] exploiters. That is to say, [illegible] people work and produce enough, not to say more than enough, to keep themselves and the other [illegible]000. Some of the 60,000,000 do no work at all and these roll in luxury; some do useless work and they live very well; others do worse than useless work and they get along fairly well, and some do [illegible] very necessary work and they eke out a [illegible]. The [illegible] toilers are [illegible] 2,000,000 children, boys and girls under [illegible] of age; [illegible] women [illegible] and sweatshops; millions of foreigners [illegible] and grounds the animal the better, and a few of the "poor white trash" of our own [illegible]. Through the agency of the machine, machine production made possible by the brain and muscle of the toilers, the foreigner usurps the place of the American, the woman supplants the man, and the child does the work and takes the place of the adult. Each takes the place of the other, because "hands" and not men are needed and because each is cheaper and weaker than the other. The child gets an average of about $2.50 per week for its part in making the nation's wealth, the woman about $4.50 per week, and the man about $9 per week. But why go into particulars, when child and female labor, foreign labor, industrial slaves, long hours, night work, Sunday work, intermittent work, no work, small wages [illegible] pay, open shop, oppression, black-list, occupational disease, industrial accident and death with little or no compensation, poverty, [illegible] despair fittingly describe the actual economic status of the workers of the land? [illegible] conditions and nobody knows it better than they themselves and those who [illegible] into their lives.

The other side need not be described in terms of fabulous fortunes, palatial homes, [illegible] luxury and [illegible]. It can be [illegible] in terms of concentration of wealth, [illegible] control of economic tools and resources, [illegible] prices, light weights, [illegible] sense to the wise. [illegible] class distinctions [illegible] and the class struggle [illegible] They reveal [illegible] the story [illegible] say here.

Our moral condition [illegible]